

Coleman HSA Meeting

Agenda

September 18, 2017

9:15 AM, Coleman Art Room

1. Call to Order—9:20
2. Approval of Minutes—Erica Bratspies and Colleen Manley
3. Corresponding Secretary Report—Melissa Merchant reported that HSA to parent communications kicked off by sending class parents their responsibilities and student lists via email along with instructions for the year. Some class lists are fluid and will be updated accordingly. We also sent out Coleman Cafe instructions and a copy of the invite. October 6 is the Coleman Cafe for 5th grade. If anyone has any questions, they can go to Melissa Merchant. The HSA also sent Mr. Gavin and Mrs. Feifer \$25 gift cards for their respective weddings.
4. Webmaster report—Hilary Gerber reported that food sales (pizza, ice cream, sandwich and bagels days) are now annual sales. If you ordered food through the HSA, then you ordered for entire school year. There is no need for January orders. The deadline was last Thursday. Making the orders year-long didn't change the number of orders. Monday Oct 2 through Oct 4, we will open a second round of ordering. The 1st pizza, sandwich and ice cream days are like a trial run. Add-ons or changes can be made during the Oct 2-4 window. New orders will be welcome too. Parents can also add an additional slice of pizza. Other changes need to be done via email. That info about making other changes will be send via email blast. After Oct 4, all food orders are final. Changing to year-long ordering reduces work and frustration for committee chairs and students. Through the website, movie night tickets and pizza preorders for the flash playdate sold as well. HSA membership and kid stuff books are still for sale. 200 families have joined the HSA so far.

5. Treasurer's Report—Naomi Lin reported. Some highlights for the final budget for last year: there is money still left for wish list totaling \$11,000. Please brainstorm ideas for additional wish list purchases. On this year's budget, an asterisk indicates an order received, but not money earned. The flash playdate was on budget and made \$341. Movie night made \$458 which exceeded the budget. For school toolboxes, we received \$761. This exceeded budget. For our expenses, we spent \$200 for babysitting for Back To School Night. PTO membership was paid. The kindergarten social was on budget. Everything else is ongoing activities.
6. Presidents' Report—Melissa Antonelli reported that the Welcome Back Coffee for families and the Welcome Back Lunch for staff were successful. Movie night was fun and profitable. The box top robot is in the lobby. There will be a contest for collecting Box Tops until Oct 20. Each student will get a ziploc bag labeled with their class to collect box tops. The class that brings in the most wins a prize. Mr. Thompson said more playground balls are helpful. Ziplock bags can be put in the robot anytime. Mr. Thompson will ask teachers for their prize ideas as well. The apparel sale will continue at other events. Online store will add new items and will open before the winter holidays. The 5th grade Coleman Cafe is on October 6. Lynda Coppola mentioned that the first BOE meeting is on Sept 26 at 8 PM. The first Federated HSA meeting is on Oct 12 at 9 AM at Central School. The HSA purchased books for a memorial donation for the Raser family. Those books are now in library.
7. Teacher's Report—Roche thanks for install of mural. impressive collection of student work and your support of art. preschool thanks for kitchen set. staff thanks for luncheon. thanks to parents for BTSN looking forward to a great year
8. Principal's Report—Mr. Thompson welcomed everyone back and thanked the HSA for all it does. Back to School Night was very successful with a standing-room only crowd. Thanks to the HSA for offering babysitting and for the Hendl girls and lunch aides for doing the babysitting. The wall of diversity and the new school sign look awesome. We had a beautiful day for Picture day. October 11 is our first homework free night. PARCC scores mailed home on Sept 29,

and 5th grade science ASK scores as well. As for the prep work needed for GAGA flooring—Gulmy Contractors came in to discuss pre-flooring for pits. Their estimated cost for both pits was \$3,000. We can reach out to other vendors. Mr. Thompson suggested this money could be taken from the wish list money. He also mentioned that the front lobby furniture has no more cushions. Could those be replaced? Does anyone have a connection? Do we have HSA money for them? A member mentioned that the BOE said no to handling the prep for the GAGA floors. We need to pay for the prep ourselves.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Walk-a-Thon—Melissa Merchant is chairing. The event has moved back to fall. It starts on Oct 4 and ends Oct 11. It kicks off with National Walk to School day. The kids report their minutes walked and also raise money. There will be a prize for the K-2 student with the most minutes walked and for the grades 3-5 student as well. Forms via email will go out shortly. A reminder will come out closer to the start date. Class parents will distribute.
- b. Farm Fest—The even will take place on Oct 6 after school and Michelle Ciffo will chair. We need a parent to run the pumpkin sling. The HSA may ask 5th graders to volunteer to run some games. We will sell cider and donuts as well as mums, fall plants and pumpkins. The class parents will volunteer or get someone to cover for them. Cider donuts are peanut free but made in a facility with nuts. They are purchased from ShopRite and ingredient labels will be available.
- c. Fall Adult Social—Progressive Dinner—It is scheduled for Oct 21 but might move to Oct 20. There will be volunteer houses for each course of the dinner. We will split into 5-6 couples per house and then meet at a central location in town for dessert. If you volunteer to be a host house, you just need to set your table. The food will be catered. It will be a fundraiser and something to encourage old and new families to mingle. It will be chaired by Deb Dworkin.

- d. Book Fair—Melissa Merchant and Colleen Manley are chairing. It will take place on Oct 26 and 27th . It runs similar to last year. It will be open from 9 AM to 7 PM on Thursday and on Friday from 9AM to 4PM. It will have a similar selection to last year, but with more sports books since they were popular. We are looking to connect the book fair to hurricane relief. There will be teachers' wish lists, kid stuff books and some other Coleman swag for sale. Mrs. Kauffman's list for the Learning Center will be available for purchase as well.
- e. Wish List Follow-Up—The new school sign was installed. The new gaga pit and floors are in the works. The new picnic table is out, and we purchased the new water dispensers for some classes. We are buying a new play kitchen for Miss Sue's classroom. There are leftover funds. Ideas include improving the outdoor classroom, with a sensory garden for example or possibly a STEM or MakerSpace. Field Day may change a bit.
- f. Water Follow-Up—Colleen Manley reported that last spring water was tested at Coleman 2 times. Coleman had many water sources with a reading of lead above the legal limit. The district addressed it by posting hand-washing only signs and using filtered hallway water as solutions. The challenge was for the primary grades. We addressed it short terms by giving K-2 Belmar Spring Water dispensers. The district thinks hallway access is sufficient. We are going to ask BOE—what is the long-term option? We are unique in the severity of our problem. The HSA is currently funding safe drinking water but that is a short term solution. Now there is a new superintendent. We will inform him we are watching the situation. Mr. Thompson mentioned that the teachers discuss it as part of their classroom procedures. We budgeted \$1000 for this year for the water. Please send children with full water bottles in morning. The water reports can be found on the district website.

10.Q&A—A parent from Mrs. Feifer’s class mentioned that they have a different BTSN so they need to pick up apparel. It will be sent home via backpack. The Coleman drama chair mentioned that one DVD still need to be picked up. It belongs to Fanny Levinson. The dates for the show, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory are booked. Auditions will be held in February. Practice will be Tuesday and Thursday—the same schedule as last year. We will ask for easier Middle School drop off for the rehearsals. Another parent mentioned there is parent who has a nutrition program that sounds similar to Enviro Club. Perhaps we could use her for Habitat Day. The district wide SEPAC meeting will be held on Nov 1 at 7:30 PM in the high school media center. We will confirm that Porchlight has the rights to Willy Wonka. Colleen said that Tic Toc sign ups were out at BTSN. On Oct 1 there is an event partnering Tic Toc and Arboretum to be held at the Arboretum. There are online sign ups at tictoc.org and the event will have 8 stations for kids to complete projects. For example, they might decorate a shirt like Jackson Pollack. The cost is \$10 per child. The first 50 kids to sign up get a t-shirt. The event is limited to 100 kids. We will send a link via email blast. To sign up for tic toc projects in class will come out via email blast as well.

11.Call to adjourn—10:10

Attendance:

Mr. Thompson, Principal; Exec Board members—Melissa Antonelli, Lynda Coppola, Stacy Hendl, Colleen Manley, Melissa Merchant, Allisan Emes, Hilary Gerber, Naomi Lin; Yuliva Abova, Mary Tamez, Carine Amblard Vaccari, Ellen Brunetti, Richele Dougherty, Tricia Tisak, Erica Bratspies, Karen Maguire, Sarah Chung, Barbara Campbell, Orlee Goldfeld.

Attendace via conference call: Olena Kulish, Lauren Suero, Jen Alexander, Cristal Whalen, Julia Satanovsky, Julianna Moore, Hilary Stolzenberg.