

Washington School
HSA Meeting Minutes
201 Central Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006

April 28, 2021

Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:03

Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2020 were approved

Attendance:

Kristan Kehoe, Adrienne Mee, Christina Yurkosky, Dana LaBattaglia, Janine Barboza, Jen Anderson, Jenna Hawkswell, Jennifer Hansen, Jennifer Mattesky, Katie Monello, Kerry Guzman, Martha Fava, Melissa Lace, Nicole Colello, Padma Mukherjee

Principal/Staff Update

Mrs. Hawkswell: Everything is going well with all students back in person together. Geography Bee was held with 12 contestants as a mini event. Children and families enjoyed this tradition. Teacher meeting was held after school and ideas were shared on how to support students. Teachers volunteered to collaborate with other teachers in the district about what is working in their classrooms. Reminder about arrival time for students. Please arrive as close to 8:45 as possible for safety concerns, especially 4th graders who enter through the door in the teacher parking lot.

Mrs. Anderson: Thank you for the support and coming together to support the students. We are excited for the Tricky Tray and are looking forward to working with the HSA to plan ways to celebrate our students.

President Update

- Volunteers are needed for HSA Executive Board (1-Co-VP, 2- Co-Treasurers)
- Tricky Tray: Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to help, we are in need of more.

Budget/Treasurer's Report

- Review of Treasurer's Report by attendees/motion made and report was passed

Committee Updates

- Helping Hands: Helping Hands Week is this week. Please return the green ribbon and donate \$1. Support the fundraisers at the restaurants this week
- Sunshine: Teacher Appreciation is coming up. Lawn signs have been purchased for the front of the school to recognize the staff. Two large planters in honor of the teachers were purchased for outside the front door of the school. Planters can be filled throughout this year and years to come. Teacher Appreciation luncheon will be held in June.
- School Supplies:
School supply lists were received and all kits will be under \$60. Fundraiser is open and will end on July 1.
- Literacy Committee: Poetry contest is underway. Spread the word to encourage submissions by Friday. Winners will receive a gift card. Book Drive to collect books for the teachers' classrooms will be coming. Donations will be accepted and books will be leveled and teachers can select books for their classroom libraries.

New Business

- NONE

Questions

- Any plans for Kindergarten End of Year? (No event is planned as of yet. Kindergarten teachers would like to do something and are in the planning phase but waiting for approval of what we can do as far as safety protocols. We are limited to what we can do outside but we can consider something. Ideas can be brought forward. Teachers will make things special in the classroom for the students for sure)
- Where do the guidelines come from that are being referred to and where can we see these? (NJDOE guidelines are followed, they can be seen on the district website under the COVID-19 section)

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM