

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

October 7, 2020

Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:07

Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2020 was approved

Attendance (#) 37

Martha Fava, Stephanie Rosant, Nicole Colello, Kristin Kehoe, Danielle Cochrane, Taryn Kaufman, Cristen Pennello, Rebecca Vlacich, Jen Mattesky, Stephanie Warlick, Janine Barboza, Padma Mukherjee, Liz Hart, Adrienne Mee, Katie Moniello, Jill Olinksy, Emilie Colantoni, Beth Waxman, Sheila Zeman, Megan Jaworksi, Melissa Lace, Michelle Ferraro, Lisbeth Axell-Christiana, Christina Yurkosky, Jennie Riordan, Jennifer Hansen, Carly Luciano, Jenna Hawkswell, Kathleen DeOliviera, Dana LaBattaglia, Laura Silvers, Theresa Migliaccio, Lauren Smith Cohen, Terri Di-Martini Greenlee, Stefanie Swanson, Diane Jakobczuk, Kerry Guzman

Faculty Update

Everyone was so excited, and the kids were smiling and happy to be in school. The faculty is thankful for the support at home and they cannot wait for everyone to come in. The teacher's felt that it was so nice to hear the kids voices in the hallways!

Principal Update

The first in person day K-2, was very nice, and it was wonderful to have them in the halls. They were all smiling under their masks. The faculty and staff are really working hard to make sure everyone is included and part of the class whether they are remote, in person, etc. Mrs. Hawkswell was very pleased with the drop off and pick up situation. Everyone listened to and followed the directions that were sent out and it was a great first day.

President Update

- Welcome back to Washington. It was an exciting day taking small wildcat steps into school. The HAS is thankful to the entire staff for making Washington a safe place to learn!
- A reminder that the Halloween costume drive kicked off today and is going on through October 21st. The donation bin is located outside the gym doors. Thank you in advance for your donations.
- Picture Day October 26th & 27th! Volunteers will be needed, but on a smaller scale. Pictures will be on a grid.

Budget/Treasurer's Report

- Operating budget starting \$50,091.32 and ending \$48,763.07
- Licensing account \$650
- \$6,274.70 was the total amount of withdrawals for the month
- request to have the budget sent out so that it can be viewed easier.

Committee Updates

- o Special thanks to Nicole Colello for chairing the mum sale and doing such a great job on her first event
- o 5th Grade Promotion:
 - 5th Grade Promotion is looking for volunteers and committee chairs for certain events. Information from the meeting will be emailed out. Email Carly Luciano, Julianne Grosso, & Jen Mattesky if you want to get involved
- o Pumpkin Painting Contest: October 23rd.
 - At home event Friday and Saturday. Upload pictures on flipgrid of the pumpkin creations. Drop your pumpkins off at school on October 24th so the committee can add a glow stick so the pumpkins can GLOW together! Pumpkins can be carved, painted, or decorated.
- o Halloween: Costume Drive- already collecting for those less fortunate.
 - Scavenger Hunt October 23-October 30th find all of the wildcat lawn signs and take a picture of your child with each sign. Pictures can be sent to the committee! There are 40 signs available.
- o Literacy Committee: Scary Story Contest stories are due by October 23rd
- o James Caldwell HS Scholarship fund- chipotle night to raise money for scholarship. Thank you to HSA for donating \$800
- o Reminder: Tricky Tray has been moved to April 15, 2021.

New Business

- In the weekly, please look for Walter's email and send a picture of your child in their costumes (or a short video) by November 1st. Pictures and videos will be compiled into a video and sent out via email, so that everyone can see each other in their costumes.

Questions

-Question about independent time for kids. The model presented to the parents stated that independent time was supposed to be 1.5 hours but seemed to not be the case across the board in each class within a grade.

Mrs. Hawkswell explained that during a staff meeting the teachers discussed working on making sure that they have time limits attached to each activity, so that parents know how long an activity is supposed to take. Teachers will may also provide a sample for how each activity is supposed to be, so that the kids have a model for those activities.

Meeting ended at 7:54

