

## Hawthorn HSA Minutes

### March 6/2023

- No approval from previous meeting's minutes
- **Treasurer report**
  - Anne working on deposit today (included big ticket items). Joe happy to pass off position as Treasurer.
  - There are some uncleared cheques (as of Feb 13<sup>th</sup>) – says balance of \$3,400, but some things uncleared - Bingo \$2360; 3 cheques \$1430. Balance roughly between \$3K and \$4K
  - Andrew volunteered to take over role (thank you!). Since HRCE controls \$, Anne can provide summary statement with account activity. Agree it is beneficial to track \$ through fundraising efforts.
- **Funding requests?** No
- **Field Trip Funding** – Suggestion to ensure all teachers know we have allocated \$ for field trips. Anne projects that we will get more as weather improves. Mr Jodrey planning going to the Tattoo in June (HSA paying admission fees and school pays bus).
- **3P Grant** – Discussion around whether or not we had enough time to submit proper application.  
Ideas:

Idea	Notes
Gaga ball pit	See notes from previous minutes
Basketball net	against the school in the back, then building manager change – we can revisit that. It's a little better than on the side – installed right on the school. We used some of the grant \$, we used some of it but not all. Sometimes we keep it and other we lose it...
Soccer net	field is HRM property. Can request this but it's a slightly more complicated process when working through the city.
Re-pave areas around school and re-paint 4 squares, hopscotch etc	anne can reach out to operations. We did have some patchwork completed in the fall (5 of them)...Ms Gourlay will find out if we can - not sure if we can if there's patchwork
Community outreach	Potential to partner with community outreach orgs, like the Public Good Society of Dartmouth for some community-based projects.
<b>DECISION:</b> Submit 3P Grant as a request for music program (instrument) funding	Use Ms Tipper's itemized list developed for the fundraising effort on April 20 <sup>th</sup> . Rachel will pull together the grant.

- **Music fundraiser:**
  - April 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms Tipper has organized a number of people to come, some charging a fee but the school will pay.
  - Same hours as October dance (6:00 – 7:30).
  - **Canteen** - HSA will run canteen with all proceeds going to music program. Rachel and Ashley will run it and Rachel will purchase items for it.
  - **Additional fundraising** – Create opportunity for people to donate towards bigger ticket items, options can include larger \$ donations and buying specific instruments for the school at various price points. Display will be a piano and people can purchase a key that represents various dollar amounts or actual instruments. Their names as donors get etched onto the keys as a display at Hawthorn.
  - We can accept donations from businesses as well as parents. Anne will check with HRCE to see how donations are handled financially
  
- **Grade 6 Graduation**
  - Alana McQuaide is organizer and will be Rachel HSA rep/advocate
  - Audrey Maney student rep - will distribute a survey to ask for student input
  - Grad committee is starting to form
  - If parents /students want to do a non-sanctioned event off school grounds, it will need to be funded 100% by parents.
  - Rachel will bring this info back to grad committee, draft letter to send to grade 6 parents to send out after March break.
  
- **Pizza/subway**
  - 2 recent cancellations pizza lunches, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> (snow days) which need to be replaced
  - Jan 27<sup>th</sup> cancellation was moved to April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Bryony will put draft a letter for Anne to send out with the cancellations and how those dates will be brought forward. Suggestion to wait until end of March to send out just in case we get any more snow days
  
- **School-wide pizza party – June 9th**

If possible have it outside. Used to buy big pizzas and give slices which brings down the cost. Average \$300 - \$500 for whole school if we buy juice boxes. There should be a new batch of pizza coupons coming soon which should cover a large portion of the cost.
  
- **Mitchell's Soup Company** – talked about having this as a fundraising option, local company they sells bags of soup mix. Buy for \$7 and sell for \$10-15. Have to buy 100 first, then need to sell, which can be tricky and result in having a bunch of lefts overs that we have to offload... Suggestion to allocate the fundraising effort to something specific, like the breakfast program. Will table this until the Fall. Could maybe replace or supplement JustUs

- **Amazon Wish List** - "Make a Wish List" fundraiser Tantallon Elementary is doing. Maybe think about this for Sept, need to ask staff.
  
- **School Supplies**
  - Anne working with staff on how to utilize the Student Support Grant to purchase common classroom items and reduce the amount parents need to buy. Hoping to cut supply list in half.
  - Suggestion to maybe bring back the Staples School Tools (there's no fundraising element to it. It's a bit of work upfront but once it's done. Downside is that it's quite expensive for parents. Bryony can help with getting it going if that's a decision, Emily can help).
  - Bryony to share info from Bicentennial on how they use HAS \$ to supplement Student Support Funding and bulk purchase supplies.
  
- **\$1000 grant received for a school garden**
  - A bigger amount is available in Sept, this is a first step
  - Call out if anyone has ideas on how to use it and looking for volunteers to help.
  - Staff talked about maybe relocating garden so it's closer to a tap and the outdoor classroom so these can be integrated into learning.
  - Parents would like garden plaque re-instated.
  - A presenter from a green efficiency committee (recent guest speaker) volunteered to help and do presentation
  - idea to pivot to lower maintenance plants and veggies like berries, moving away from root veggies