

## Friends of Hawthorne Community Meeting - FINAL minutes

1/11/22 6pm – 7:30pm via Google Meet (virtual)

**Attendees:** Tommy & Casey Gregory – Presidents; Ara Erickson – co-Treasurer, Corin Lianides – Secretary, Dave West – Vice President, Aimee Loucks – Member at Large, Communications; Andrew Fiore-Gartland - Member at Large, Bria Knowles – Member at Large, Katie Berman – Advocacy lead, Ms. Scott – Principal, PLUS 5+ community members

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Quorum reached at 6:04, Casey is kicking off the meeting, Casey and Tommy welcoming attendees.

Secretary reviewed November minutes for approval.

### **Principal Scott update:**

Happy New year. We have about 60+ students out every day since school is back in session. Families are keeping kids home if they are ill, they are also coming in to get tested (rapid tests at school). Staff – about 7 absences a day. Fairly lucky, just one exposure at school to date with very small amount of close contacts. She believes that this week will be the telling week re: moving classes remote. Their goal is to keep school open! Q – how is staff morale? Everybody is anxious, coffee and donuts helped! They are working to keep things as normal as possible for kids. Quite a balancing act – they are making sure the remote kids are also getting what they need in addition to the in class students. Q – would teachers be interested in getting KN95 masks for them as well? Yes, they may be interested. Q – are the teachers using the simulcasting options? Some teachers have taken the training, but there may be an internet bandwidth issue at the school itself. They do seem to have some of the technology, which is good. She is looking into next training options for more. Q – did the district mail from yesterday help to provide useful guidance at the school level re: %'s to meet remote requirements? Every day they turn in data like absences, etc. to District leadership. Ms Scott makes the recommendation to go remote if needed, district makes the decision. Q - can we do a volunteer event for Hawthorne for MLK day – trash pick up around the school? Ms Scott said this would be great.

Could use a volunteer crossing guard – **Sara R to set up. Use Sign Up Genius.**

### **Fundraising Committee update - Angela**

Taken a pivot that planning an in-person event in March was not feasible with all of the continuing Covid unknowns. We are going to now attempt a straight Virtual Ask to the community. Will still take place in March and go for 3 weeks. Easy, straight forward, for donations. Lots of “meet the teachers and staff” videos and direct asks. This will give more room for the May SES Alliance event as well, plus that one will be really focused on getting the kids involved.

**Update on Museum of Museums Hawthorne community show** –Tommy is taking on reins with the event vs having Ms. Choe do the back and forth.

**Secretary reviews motion process with attendees** – goal is to make sure the community knows the method to bring their ideas and motions forward for discussion and enactment within the PTA.

**Motions:**

**Mask supply for school:**

I motion that FOH work with the school administration to purchase KN95-level quality masks for teachers and students. We would determine quantity/need based on the admins recs. Budget would be implemented at a cap of \$2000.

Motioned; Seconded; PASSED with 10 Yes, 0 no

**Levy Legislative Endorsement**

I motion that the Friends of Hawthorne endorse a yes vote on the Seattle Public School Proposition 1 to renew the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy vote in February 2022.

First, Seconded, and PASSED with 10 Yes, 0 no

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I motion that the Friends of Hawthorne endorse a yes vote on the Seattle Public School Proposition 2 to renew the Buildings, Tech, Academics/Athletics (BTA) Levy vote in February 2022.

First, Seconded, and PASSED with 10 Yes, 0 no

**Advocacy committee update – Katie B**

Ms. Miller – family support worker – still working to figure out what families need. 39 families received holiday gift cards. Rent and utility moratorium ending soon – how will that impact our families?

Gave quick debrief on D37 legislative meeting. Focused on asking our local state legislators for full funding of SPS special education.

**Treasurer report – December - Ara**

Income: employer matches

Outlay: subscriptions for teachers, \$3500 for gift cards for family support, snacks for K classrooms, Hawthorne t shirts, general administrative costs

Standing accounts is just of \$300K, just fine, on budget. We will be pulling forward from covid flexibility fund for mask, per earlier vote. Moving our financial systems into one tool vs. a disparate set of tools, simpler, more parent-school focused. Emily is convening mid-year financial review group.

**Motion (Privilege) – in chat:**

I make a motion to extend this Monthly PTA meeting for an additional 15 minutes past the original end time in order to ensure completion of agenda and have time for new business.

Motioned; Seconded; PASSED 5 yes 0 no

**New business –**

**Motion:**

I Make a motion to request an additional \$1400 to allow a new t-shirt for every Hawthorne student and staff member and offering for sale for families/community members. Move the funds from the Auction/Big event fund.

Motioned, seconded, PASSED with 10 Yes 0 No

**Teacher appreciation:**

Teacher appreciation sign ups – Jen S. Goal is to have something bi-monthly.

Bria – will run point on rest of Sign Up Genius

Casey, last call for new business. Close of meeting at 7:50pm.

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