

9/8/2020 FOH kick off meeting – Draft minutes

Attendance: Percy Allen & Dana Math – co-presidents, Josie Clark & Ara Erickson – co-treasurers, Corin Lianides – Secretary, Peter Schumacher & Gabe Sheffer – board members-at-large

Meeting held via Google Meet.

Welcome by Percy. Total number of attendees at height of meeting: 53.

Meeting minutes reviewed.

Agenda outlined for meeting. General discussion around school supplies and donations, provided link to donate in meeting chat window for attending community.

Back to school paperwork is now electronic through the SPS site the Source. Go to the Source and update the medical profile for your child, it is now the schools responsibility and parents are required to take this action.

Dana – intro into what Friends of Hawthorne is to group, history, trajectory and what we do. Question from new parent in the chat about how FOH budget works: Ara is discussing fundraising and how we use our money in the budget. No specific numbers for budget are discussed, but FOH plans to make sure the budget is updated on the FOH website, both this year and last year (as this year is kind of an anomaly with regards to spend due to remote learning). Will work with Wayne Rennick to provide details for publishing.

Legislative Advocacy: Katie Berman is explaining Advocacy and legislative advocacy. Trying to bring all layers of government down to the school communities and build engagement and involvement. She would like feedback on what everything that people are interested in. This year this work is more important than ever and we will figure out a way to get information from the group. If anyone is interested in volunteering some time to this, please be in touch with Katie – provide Katie email ([katherinecbowman@gmail.com](mailto:katherinecbowman@gmail.com))

Playground intro and update: Peter Schumacher – discussing playground updates and history. Were able to raise enough money via fundraising, grants, and SPS to do the majority of the work as planned. Reviewing map of design for playground, discussing how the playground is being built, and is structured. Second week of October play structure is implementing. SPS enabled us to figure out how to the 2+ play structure implemented. Community built play structure. Weekend of Oct 17 and 18 – will need to support the build. Revolving work party for socially distant play build. Opportunities to get involved sooner – water the trees and plants – Saturday and Sunday this weekend for prep work party as well. Email Peter to get involved ([schumacher.p.j@gmail.com](mailto:schumacher.p.j@gmail.com))

After School Enrichment: Bria Knowles is discussing ASE – focusing on winter sessions re: the current remote learning. In the fall, we are still allowing 6 crickets (partner) to communicate options for sessions in the fall, though they would all be remote. They would focus on aiming to keep Hawthorne students together. Mentioned that there is a goal to still continue providing scholarships by adding an admin fee to create a pool.

Volunteer Opportunities: Ara is sharing details on Current volunteer opportunities, especially new families. We also have needs to support communications for newsletter, also looking for someone who is tech savvy for gsuite admin role (Ara happy to train), general volunteer manager as a point person to help other people volunteer in the right opportunity, virtual walkathon lead/team of people as key fundraising activities. Dana has added room rep liaison that communicate needs to FOH from teachers and vice versa. (1 teacher who has a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Hawthorne – molly laster).

- Newsletter co-communications lead
- GSuite admin
- General Volunteer Manager
- Virtual Walkathon Lead (and team)
- Room Rep Liaison
- Inclusion Committee

Sandra Scott looks unable to join the meeting at this time, unfortunately. We will ask her to join the next meeting for a Q&A. Next meeting is October 6.

Percy shared that John Hopkins university gave Hawthorne 2020 partnership school award, which is a big deal and fantastic considering the pandemic year.

Percy closed end the meeting, majority left at 7:05.

Sandra Scott joined at 7:09 – unable to join earlier due to student device pick ups taking longer and an issue with the building. She will join us on the October 6 meeting and asked that we gather questions in advance in order to answer them live, but would prefer not to do a live Q&A session.

Meeting minutes motion and approvals must be done in writing, so Ara re-motined for approval, Corin seconded and motion was approved. Screenshot of chat in writing below.

