

Friends of Hawthorne Meeting - DRAFT minutes

9/14/21 6pm – 7:30pm at Genesee Park Meadow

**Attendees:** Tommy & Casey Gregory – Presidents; Ara Erickson and Emily Glass – co-Treasurers, Corin Lianides - Secretary, Bria Knowles – At-Large member plus Principal Scott, Asst. Principal Flavors plus 26 community members (6:11pm)

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Co-Presidents, Tommy and Casey intro and welcome to the group assembled, discuss mission and intention. Ara begins filming of livestream via Google Meet, only Board and Admin on screen for consent gathering purposes.

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**Hand over to Asst. Principal Flavors and Principal Scott for Q & A:**

4<sup>th</sup> year at Hawthorne for Ms. Flavors, 14<sup>th</sup> year for Ms. Scott –

**Opening school** – started the work of opening back right when they closed school in June – all summer. Everyone is so happy to have the school back and kids are happy. Keeping the focus on the kids, being safe and providing the best education for the kids.

**Speaking first about lunch** – lunch is free to all kids, but it does not always align exactly to the menu due to deliveries and vendor issues, etc. If you think your child may want to eat at school, still pack a lunch or snack just in case it doesn't align with what the kids want or are expecting. Things will likely start to normalize with deliveries and supply issues in the next couple of weeks. Fill out the lunch forms for allergies, just in case the kids get lunch, and we are not aware.

**Outdoor lunch:** started the school year with an indoor and outdoor option for lunch, rotation week over week. After starting that they began to explore how they could get the kids outside more – **they need to move to 5 lunch groups instead of 4.** They have been able to get most of the kids outside since weather has been cooperative. Eric Higbee came to measure for tents to extend the outside area out but not cover the playground, but we want to be able to still get those kids outside, but still keep an option for kids to eat inside if they really want to. **They will be moving the lunch schedule to get everyone outside.** Two 30x30 and 30x15 tents will be ordered to extend out toward 38<sup>th</sup> and the playground. Admin watched play patterns to make sure that it aligns with enabling play during breaks. **Q - Do they need volunteers?** Not at this time but likely when they do allow volunteers on campus that will be allowed and encouraged. You need to be available for the WHOLE lunch block – whatever that time could be. Could hopefully be October 1 when Capitol Facilities (SPS district) can approve and order the tents, will let us know when community volunteers are allowed on campus – current date has none allowed thru October 29.

For the 8<sup>th</sup> year Hawthorne has won the [John Hopkins Parent Partnership](#) award around the Quarantine Academy!

Breakfast does go to 815, if students come late, they can still eat breakfast

**Q: What do you need most from FOH?** – support, 2-way communication, we need to have conversations. Also, as we move through some of these things – broaden our scope to the rest of the school community to bring more people in and **continue to push inclusivity**. Want to see more diversity and more ideas to bring more folks in as a community!

**Q - Covid testing:** there is a “protected healthcare room” and supervisor, they check symptoms – there are covid tests available at the school – but only if there are symptoms and the student has come to the protected healthcare room due to symptoms – currently no preventive testing. Students that exhibit any symptoms, they have to make a call home. It may be inconvenient for a bit, but they have to be precautionary. The health department are the deciding factors, not Hawthorne. They contact the family directly for follow-up and action plans.

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**Board introductions to assembled group** – Ara Erickson – year 2 treasurer, Corin Lianides - secretary, Bria Knowles – at-large member and Emily Glass – year 1 treasurer

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**Breakout sessions:** 20 minutes of attendees circulating space to review FOH opportunities and needs, place names on the board for volunteer and support. Gather ideas on the big ideas board to improve school, FOH, engagement and community.

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**Corin (Secretary) called membership to vote:**

- New Board members for vote:
    - Vice President: Dave West
    - Treasurer, year 1: Emily Glass
    - Member at Large: Andrew Fiore-Gartland
    - Member at Large: Jessica Cobbe
      - all approved, 30+ yea, 0 nay
  - Approval of PTA standing rules
    - All approved as is, 30+ yea, 0 nay
  - Additional Member at Large: Aimee Loucks
    - Approved, 30+ yea, 0 nay
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**Closing remarks** by Presidents: thank you all for coming, excited about the new school year. RISE UP!