

**Minutes from School Without Walls High School  
Home-School Association Executive Board Meeting**

**September 22, 2016**

1. **Melody Webb** called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. In attendance were executive board members Tracey Duffles, Michael Cervino, Jennifer Boulanger, Musarat Bozai, David Brewer, Ed Crowder, Corey Parker, Sylvia Isaac, and Simone Anderson. Also in attendance: Vince Morris, Kip Smith, Margaret Scully, Diana Rojas, and Tabitha Thompson.
  
2. **Administration Update.** Ms. Isaac updated board members about upcoming school activities including progress reports being mailed out from DCPS (and also sent home with students), Portrait Day, iContact will be used by school administration to send updates and alerts to parents, and the upcoming PSAT/SAT.
  
3. **Committee Updates**
  - **International Night.** Musarat Bozai noted that a date has not yet been firmed up.
  - **Picnic.** Vince Morris reported back that the school-wide picnic was a great success. There was discussion on where to hold next year's picnic, to move the site around the city or to explore sites around GW. Vince Morris and David Brewer will work on a location for next year.
  - **Ward Parties.** Melody Webb reported that Gina Arnold has lined up coordinators for all wards except Ward 2 and Ward 7. David Brewer has volunteered to coordinate the Ward 8 picnic. Corey Parker volunteered to help recruit a coordinator for Ward 7.
  - **MOU.** David Brewer called GW's John Rawls to set a meeting. The MOU is coming up on 11 years and Walls has received a number of benefits including access to Gelman Library, venues for school activities such as pep rallies, gym classes, and parking. The Board remains interesting in exploring access for sports matches.
  - **Fundraising.** Tracey Duffles reported that the fundraising strategy will be three-prong: asking families to contribute at least \$1 a day (or \$180 for the year), the Amazon Rebate Program (where families click through the rebate link and Amazon contributes between 2 and 10% of purchase to the school), and the spring Auction (Tracey will co-chair with Don Matori). David noted that the Booster Club goal for fundraising was \$20,000 and the first fundraiser will be at Potbelly.
  
4. **NonProfit Supporting School HSAs City Wide.** Diana Rojas and Tabitha Thompson presented to the Board about a new non-profit organization that they have started in conjunction with the Washington Lawyers Association. The goal of the group is to provide funding for DCPS School HSAs to leverage for fundraising and family engagement. They are asking HSAs that have resources to donate 1 percent of funds raised. They noted that Deal Middle School HSA has pledged \$1,500. The Board noted that the bylaws prohibit the Board from funding entities for anything not benefiting SWWHS, but would consider bringing the issue to a General Membership meeting for a vote.
  
5. **Funding Requests.**

- **Fall Ball Baseball.** \$1,257.25 for \$457.24 uniforms and \$800 umpire fees. This request is to provide funding for the Fall Ball Baseball program that is not a DCPS sanctioned sport. Parents have been contributing at Coach Kip's request to the HSA designated for this program. \$150 has come in so far and more is expected. Funding uniforms, equipment, registration fees and umpire fees of fit the HSA's policy on funding requests.
- **Field Hockey.** \$80 for ZipCar transportation to the game for the team members. Field Hockey received \$716.75 in targeted contributions last year. Funding for Field Hockey requests is a consistent "yes" for the HSA. This specific request for transportation for games for team members is a new type of request for the HSA.
- **Teacher Board Certification.** \$3,750 for three teachers to renew their National Board Certification: Mr. Ackerman (History), Ms. Pokorak (Humanities), and Ms. Shultz (Humanities).
- **Domestic Field Trip to New River Gorge.** \$1,600 for bus transportation for the trip on October 7 for up to 40 students for camping. The HSA created the Domestic Field Trip budget item to fund this type of expense.
- **STEAM.** \$500 for the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics club to build control mechanisms for the CNC (which the HSA funded last year). \$250 has been raised by the club so far.

A motion was made to approve all five requests, which was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.