January Board Meeting

1/16/2025 / 8:30 / Yellow Cup

ATTENDEES

Sally Doleski, Josephine Balgos Le, Courtney Jennaro, Lauren Schmied, Andrew Munoz, Colin Duffett, Stephanie Neilson, and Catherine Powers

AGENDA

- 1. Treasurer's Report & Budget (Lauren)
 - a. Review:
 - i. Fundraising is looking good overall for the entire year, we are under \$20,000 for our annual goal. The Party exceeded expectations which made up for shortcomings of annual giving. Smaller fundraising has also exceeded budget.
 - ii. Giving: Wrote a check for library books and should be receiving soon. We also are working on cafeteria table quotes (school supply support) to improve cafeteria efficiency. We have about \$18,000 for IB support remaining. We are under budget on almost everything. We have garden and science grants for this year and previous year. We dedicated \$5,000 to Scout House and only used \$300 thus far. We also have funds for the Zuri memorial that needs to be concluded.

- iii. Staff support: many teachers still have NOT touched their grants. Sally will send out emails to remind them of this availability.
 - iv. Teacher Appreciation: \$3,000 left and teacher appreciation is coming up soon.
 - v. 5th grade: Free dress, spring fundraiser, movie night, etc.

2. Share SDMC notes (Sally)

- a. New Teacher Evaluation System: Compensation based on 5 factors. HISD will review votes from campuses to roll out a new compensation system for 25-26.
- b. Every school submits a singular vote on what they prefer. Vote was set up Option A.
- c. Catapult is starting for GT
 (https://catapultlearning.com). It is approximately
 \$30,000 for next year (\$14,000 for this semester).
- d. Passed Fire Marshall inspection
- e. IB: Ms. Huerta, kinder, and 1st grade are looking for additional books (under IB budget)
- 3. Food Drive/January 20th Food Bank Volunteer Event (Lauren)
 - a. Three families signed up thus far.
- 4. February 19th Packing Event after school that kids can help pack packages for homeless
- 5. Spirit Nights

- a. Kendra Scott Apr 24, 2025 (Thursday through Sunday)
- b. Star Pizza 2/11 (All day)
- 6. Go Texan Photos Friday 2/28.
- 7. Yearbook (Catherine/Sally)
- 8. Spring Fundraiser:
 - a. Contract with Booster
 - b. Mar 21, 2025 kick off Sally Doleski confirmed with Booster on date change. Event will be live online on 3/21.
 - c. Fun Run (Color Run theme) Held Friday 4th of April
 - d. Custom video is "Dude Perfect"
 - e. Prizes (Prize for registering, post of social media and send a screen shot)
- 9. Socials
 - a. Dumpling Party (Sally, TBD) may be delayed until next year.
 - b. Wine Tasting on March 22nd 2-4pm (Catherine)
 - i. \$75
 - ii. Plug the Spring Fundraiser
 - iii. 50 people, Cellar Room plus patio
 - iv. Small auction items available
 - 1. Stephanie Neilson Spa Gift Card

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- 3. Wine from Mutiny
- c. Quilt Making Series (Lauren)
 - i. \$200 for all group meetings
- d. Crawfish Boil (Andrew, April 5th)
 - i. Dad's Club hosting, paid by PTO
 - ii. If you raise \$500, you get a ticket
- 10. Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Free Dress on 1/17
 - i. 5th grade guardians managing
 - b. Group Photos on 1/24
 - i. Volunteers needed?
 - Sally Doleski emailed Caballero and cc'd Volunteer Coordinators.
 - c. Lattes with Lavergne on 1/29 from 8:00-9:00
 - d. Movie Night on 1/30 from 5:00-8:00
 - i. Courtney Jennaro to email the 5th grade team for more direction. Might be postponed/cancelled.
 - e. PTO Pick Me Up Cart (2nd grade) 1/31
 - f. Valentine Grams (end of January begin orders)
 - g. Crossing Guard Appreciation Day 2/10

- i. Sally Doleski to buy (3) \$10 Starbucks cards
- h. Scholastic Book Fair 2/24-2/28
 - i. Once we have delivery dates, window is 2/13/25 -2/14/25, 2/18/25 - 2/20/25. We will get firm time as we get closer to. Stephanie Neilson and Stephanie Ceviker will help coordinate volunteers
 - ii. Students can shop during Library hours. Mr. Duong will provide us with a schedule
 - iii. Book Fair will open Literacy Night for families from 4-6:30
 - iv. Scholastic Pickup window: 3/3/25 3/7/25
- i. Literacy Night 2/25 Literacy stations from 4:30-6. Book fair starts 30 min before and stays open 30 min after teacher stations. Staff asked for dinner from PTO. Needs to be on campus by 3:15 PM. Sally Doleski will coordinate.

ACTION ITEMS

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBD