

Coffee with the Principal / HSA Meeting

March 13, 2018

McCall HSA Meeting

President Laurel Landau discussed the upcoming 2018 McCall Gala & Auction on May 12th. This event celebrates McCall and unites parents, teacher, and community members. Last year's event raised over \$45,000. Right now we need parents to help solicit silent auction items and sponsors. Tickets will be on sale soon. Laurel distributed solicitation letters and forms in both English and Chinese and noted that the link has been in the Weekly Update.

Treasurer Laura Sepe gave the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed our income and expenses since our last meeting (December). Our current cash balance is around \$129,000. Since December 2017, we have received \$14,000 in donations, received \$1,200 from the Equal Exchange fundraiser, and \$150 at the HeadHouse Bake Sale. We lost \$180 on the Chinese New Year Party. We have spent \$850 on uniforms and Blue Ribbon shirts, \$1,400 on Phillis Tickets (for an outing in June), \$2,400 for the Walnut Street Theater Program, \$160 on supplies for Art to Remember, \$8,900 for Education Works, \$1000 in Accounting Fees, \$2000 for an Adaptive Education Program, and \$700 for D&O insurance. We are waiting on a cost estimate from the District regarding renovating the bathrooms.

Laurel reminded the attendees that McCall HSA Elections will be coming up this Spring. Parents should consider running and ask current board members if they have questions about responsibilities.

Laurel mentioned that on Friday, March 23rd we will be showing Coco at our Family Movie Night. Doors open at 5:15PM, movie at 5:45 PM. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, and pizza is \$2/slice. We won't be selling water bottles and encourage attendees to bring reusable water bottles.

Tango Karaoke Night has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 11th from 6 to 11 PM. Tango is a McCall-family-owned business in Chinatown. They are giving back the \$10 cover charge and 15% of proceeds to McCall HSA.

Ed Andrews spoke about McCall Relays, which will take place on Saturday, April 21st from 3 to 5PM at Starr Garden. If you have ideas about races to include in the event, please send them along.

Coffee with the Principal

Ms. McKenna then began the "Coffee with the Principal" portion of the meeting.

Ms. McKenna reviewed the School Progress Report, which is also available on the District's website. McCall is a Model School. Parents should complete the survey one time for every child, using the Student ID Number. Last year we had 26% participation.

March 14th is the Walk Out from 10:00 to 10:17 AM. Middle School students will go out to the 7th Street sidewalk around the blue footprints, and present speeches. Some younger classes may do a "kindness" activity on the 6th Street side. Questions should be addressed to individual teachers.

The new Parent/Student Portal has launched. Some people have logged in successfully and others are having trouble. Training will be given in the near future.

The 2018/2019 Budget has been proposed. Ms. McKenna will discuss it in detail at the March 21st SAC Meeting.

Ms. McKenna then discussed school safety and security updates. The guidance counselor has introduced The "Say Something" program to middle school classrooms and is determining if it is appropriate for 4th & 5th grades. Old schools like ours have issues with locks and access.

We reviewed a handout on nutrition and allergy information. Classroom celebrations will include more awareness of allergy concerns, including labels. Question raised around field trips with lunch away from school.

The current understanding is that so far, no snow days will be made up, either at the end of the year or during Spring Break.

The Vetri Mobile Kitchen Program and Share Farm Stand is going well. Wendy Rammuno is teaching the after-school program. In addition, classrooms had the option to sign up to attend free, in-school demonstrations. The Share Farm Stand is also on the playground for parents to make purchases on certain days.

2018 PSSA Dates are: April 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th.

The final Report Card Conferences for this year will be May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, which will be Half Days for students. The Scholastic Book fair will run the same week.