



# Horsemen PTA

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 / 7:30 PM / Zoom link

### Attendees

- Sophia Rana
- Elissa Smith
- Fay Serafica
- Brianna Staudt
- Annie Cauthren
- Dana Crane
- Jess Lake
- Camilia Markarian
- Janine McQuillan
- Liz Santillanes
- Mitch Sylves-Berry
- Andrea Williamson
- Liz Zammit
- Lili C.

### Agenda

- General Greetings and hellos
- JP Book Fair (urgently need co-chair)
- Winter/Spring event overview and call for chairs and volunteers (Andrea, Dana T. 5-7 min)
- Nominating Committee formation and positions for next year (Sophia, 3 min)
- Calendar Committee volunteers
- [January Treasurer Report](#) (Bri, 5-7 min)
- Community Wardrobe Update (Elissa, Sophia, Daphne, 3 min)
- Committee & School Updates (3 min each): Rivertown Parents / Heads Up / SNC / DEI / JP / Morse / WI / MS / HS
- Other Business, Questions and Comments

## Notes

- **JP Book Fair** (Sophia)
  - Urgently in need of a co-chair
  - Brandon (Scholastic) needs to speak with a volunteer by 1/27 on how to run a book fair
  - Dana Crane spoke to Brandon, cannot be a chair but will be helping
- **Winter/Spring event overview and call for chairs and volunteers** (Andrea)
  - Volunteer needs for upcoming events (refer to [zoom recording](#))
    - Book fairs coming up, still need co-chairs
    - Staff Appreciation (early May)
    - Elementary Movie Night - need volunteer leaders from all 3 schools
      - Lauren can lead but needs help when movie is playing
      - Christina P. also helps
    - Elementary Student Art - Lauren usually leads but needs help
  - Grade reps and class parent coordinators will be delegated tasks of finding chairs for unfulfilled events
- **Nominating Committee formation and positions for next year**
  - An email will be sent requesting volunteers for this position - 5 volunteers needed
- **January Treasurer Report** (Bri)
  - School Toolbox - overperformed at MS, underperformed in HS
  - Spirit Wear - did very well this year
  - Chess Club - still depositing checks and moving students off of the waitlist
    - Payment to vendor a little over 12k
  - Boosterthon - paid for deposit for next year
  - Surprise check from B&N for \$575 from book fair, confirming amount before depositing
- **Calendar Committee volunteers** (Sophia)
  - 2 parent volunteers (does not need to be board members) needed to sit in on district's calendar committee meeting (Feb 6 @ 3:15)
- **Community Wardrobe Update** (Elissa)
  - In process of moving to new space on N Broadway near Morse
  - Lots of volunteer opportunities coming up
  - Can Community Wardrobe accept monetary donations/funding as part of the PTA?
    - On-going grant more useful than a large lump sum of money

- **Committee & School Updates**
  - **Rivertown Parents** (Mitche Sylvester-Berry)
    - 2 events coming up in the spring
      - One event on eating disorders
      - Another event on helping parents navigate college prep and receiving help from guidance counselors
  - **SNC**
    - presentation on the 30th, more details to come soon
  - **JP** (Dana Crane)
    - Parent brought up in meeting with Ms. Barnett and asked if the application process can be reviewed - feedback from parent was that some questions on the application were invasive
  - **Morse** (Annie Cauthren)
    - Mr. Walley receiving alerts from teachers that smart watches that were gifted to children during the holidays are becoming distractions in the classrooms
    - Are there resources we can provide to the elementary level parent community about screen time and tech/digital literacy? (Can Heads Up help? Annie Cauthren to reach out to David Sherrin)
    - Proposal about Eco-Club moving forward
      - PTA will not continue to fund Eco-Club (funding not needed compared to programs that require a larger budget to run e.g. Chess Club)
  - **WI** (Liz Zammit)
    - Lunch time book clubs starting back up
      - Looking for volunteers to host or co-host a small group of students once a week for six weeks starting in February
    - New FLEX afterschool program starting soon