



**Ben W. Murch Home and School Association
HSA Meeting Minutes**

June 10, 2025, 7-8:00pm Murch Library

Participants: Allison Fitzsimmons (Co-Prez), Leigh Fenner (Incoming Co-Prez), Rebeca Fiet (VP Development), Kimi Wetterauer (past-Prez), Abigail Shawn (VP Communications), Deneb Vasquez (Asst. Treasurer), Leigh Fenner (Auction Committee), Tianni (Secretary), Mrs. Hagan (K teacher & teacher rep), Becky Akprin (2nd & K), Michelle Cohn (3rd)(LSAT), Sarah Krauss (3rd & K)(incoming asst treasurer), Stacey Linden, Marnique Heath (2nd), Christine Kidwell (2nd & K)(Incoming Treasurer), Marine Korin (3rd & K), Emily Wack (2nd), Kristen Davis (3rd), Kassi Chappell (K & 1st), Bridget Mullan (pre-k)(LSAT), Mike Connery, Hamilton Shawn, Jake Sokol (2nd & K), Bruno, Astri Van Dyke (LSAT), Kyle Fiet, Victoria Lynch (LSAT), Stephen Solomon (2nd & K), Mike Mctiernan, Mary Robinson (5th, 3rd & K), Luis Vasquez (past asst treasurer)

Quorum of 30 (thirty) was met to vote on officer slate, bylaws and budget for 2025-26.

HSA Officers voted in are as follows:

Co-Presidents: Allison Fitzsimmons & Leigh Connery

Vice Presidents:

Rebeca Fiet (VP Development)

Hayley Love (VP Family Support)

Radhika Mohan (VP Community Engagement)

Abigail Shawn (VP Communications)

Sasha Taskier (VP Staff Appreciation)

Treasury Team: Christine Kidwell (Treasurer), Sarah Krauss (Asst. Treasurer), Deneb Vasquez (Asst. Treasurer)

Secretary: Tianni Craig

Past President: Matt Evans

Outgoing Past President: Kimi Wetterauer

Nominating Committee: Marnique Heath, Marine Korin, Stacy Linden, Mary C. Robinson

LSAT Parent Representatives: Kassi Chappell, Michelle Cohn, Astri Van Dyke, Victoria Lynch, Bridget Mullan, Emily Wack

By-laws amended and passed.

Budget posted, circulated, voted and passed.

Quick high-level review of budget:

- \$14,550 to community activities & events
- \$85,900 Extra curricular & student activities
- \$11,550 - Operations & other
- \$103,100 School Support
- Total \$210,500
- Net revenue - \$4500 in losses, but it's ok bc we have money in the reserves

We decided to move more money into scholarships next year due to changing needs in our school. Murch Plus is definitely still happening. The musical budget is still in flux. Thoughts are to increase the musical activity fee to be more in line with other third party activities, so it might go from \$100 fee to \$250 fee. Scholarships will be in place as needed. International Night was added back into the budget.

International Night was a hit! Very well attended.

Sound repair status: Alli met with a sound guy, Mrs. McGraw and Mrs. Epstein, had an hour walk thru to identify things that need to be repaired and improved. The sound company will come in to do training, come up with some sound profiles, manuals, etc. The sound guy said it's a great system, just needs some work.

Wanted to get some dates set ahead of next year:

Pre-K and K playdates set. Movie night set, October 3rd (rain date 4th). We will have more things to sell at movie night to raise more money; a lot of kids wanted glow sticks. New parent breakfast, buddy program and Murch tours are on the calendar.

Working on what afterschool programming will look like next year. Amore was a bit of a mess this past year. Chess and Karate were great. The school can't afford to pay someone to oversee management of getting kids to programs. Mr. C said as of now there will not be a change in afterschool programming. Alli is looking into a partnership with Washington School of Ballet to do a several-weeks program next year, possibly world/cultural dance with a recital at International Night.

Christine mentioned the ice cream truck coming to the playground and how much money people spend on it and that we should be profiting off of something like that. Stacey said as a lawyer she thinks there would be a lot of permitting, health inspection type stuff involved. Emily said if the kids do it, that is the work around. So maybe it's something student council can do...

Mrs. Hagan said a big thank you from the teachers and that they LOVED the breakfasts HSA did this past year. She said lunches are a little tougher because the teachers all have different lunch times, but at breakfast they can actually enjoy it together. HSA plans to ask teachers to be more proactively communicative about what they'd like to spend money on next year.

Astri asked if HSA had input on what roles are in Mr. C's approved budget. Alli said we do not. Kassi said LSAT has some input, but Mr. C ultimately decides.