

WB Saul HSA General Board Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Review last meeting's minutes <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16hzDAa5z9ZwPBWYdixgb7OA-knOne7CR/view?usp=sharing>

3. School District of Philadelphia

- a. We did not attend the April 24th meeting as an HSA.
- b. The next School Board Public Hearing is Thursday, May 22nd from 4:00 – 7:00pm. Sign up to speak on May 19th starting at 4 p.m. Individuals may register to speak by submitting the speaker request form or by calling 215-400-5959 to register with Board staff. [go to "register to speak" on this website page.](#)
- c. We as Saul parents do not want to see any more cuts for our students!
 - § Upset that we lost teachers for 2025-2026
 - § activism about Federal Dept of Education cuts
- d. PHSC/School Board. Any updates from Shakela and Delores?

4. Day-off social activities: ice/roller skating, goats, movie, school dance

- a. May 9, 2025 – Goats- update
- b. Plan early for 2025-2026?

5. Country Fair Day

- a. Details: May 10, 2025; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- b. Bi-weekly meetings- Delores & Marina are attending
- c. Cow Plop Bingo- updates from Shakela & Erin
- d. Swag/sales – update from Erin
- e. Raffle basket. Jenn Forbes-Nicotera made an awesome basket!

6. Fundraiser / community-building Activities

- a. Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner update
- b. Plan now for 2025-2026?

7. SAC Meeting

- a. School updates from Principal Howell –
 - Summary of Title 1 Presentation from last meeting
 - Staffing updates
 - Other

- b. School updates from any students present
- c. Annual Parent survey
 - § <https://prdwebapps2.philasd.org/parentsurvey/>
 - § [Annual SDP parent Survey about your experiences with Saul](#)

8. \$/Taxes/ Budget

- a. Treasurer report
 - Balance- 5/7/25 balance in PFCU is \$2,837.98
 - Expenses and income review
- b. Amazon Business account set up. Gili working on getting non-profit exemption from Amazon
- c. Grant updates
 - Wawa Grant- Received 250 coupons
 - Univest- Gili applied for a \$5,000 grant on 12/31/24. No word yet.
 - Acme grant – Gili finally applied 4/8/25. It was denied. : (
 - Reapply for Activities grant. Update from Marina

9. Advertise what HSA \$ are supporting:

- See early flyer that captures all the HSA does
- Staff requests – continue to post in weekly newsletter
 - Things we have spent funds on this year:
 1. Signs for CFD
 2. Reimbursement for staff supplies
 3. Prom photo booth
 4. Food for meetings
 5. Monthly expenses- phone, Constant Contact
 6. Student half day outings
 7. Supplies for swag
 8. Other

10. Elections for 2025-2026 Board update from Jenn N.

11. Seniors – any support needed from HSA?

- a. Prom Thursday May 22, 2025
- b. Graduation- June 13, 2025 (last day of school)
- c. Student awards- update

12. Other

13. Meetings

- a. Executive Board: Next meeting TBD.
- b. WB Saul HSA General Meetings: Thursday, June 5, 2025. Celebrate and board election results.

WB Saul HSA General Board Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Agenda

1a.. Welcome & Introductions

1b. Link to minutes from March meeting:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/163T5Qyfff3K3Hkx35j7VYv1ZUZ97v0M5/view?usp=sharing>

2. School District of Philadelphia

a. As an HSA, we can/should attend the next School Board Meeting (April 24; sign up 4/19/25)

§ We as Saul parents do not want to see any more cuts for our students!

§ activism about Federal Dept of Education cuts

b. PHSC/School Board: Shakela and Delores have been attending PHSC meetings. Will give us updates as necessary.

3. Day-off social activities: ice/roller skating, goats, movie, school dance

a. March 28, 2025 bowling- review

b. May 9, 2025 – Goats- update

c. Plan early for 2025-2026?

4. Country Fair Day

a. Details: May 10, 2025; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

b. Bi-weekly meetings- Delores & Marina are attending

c. Cow Plop Bingo- updates from Shakela & Erin

d. Swag/sales – update from Erin

e. Raffle basket. Jenn Forbes-Nicotera will do another gift basket raffle. Garden-themed.

5. Fundraiser / community-building Activities

a. Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner update

■ Felicia, Delores, Chris Nicotera, Shakela=Subcommittee update

■ Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 5-7 pm.

■ other

6. SAC Meeting

a. School updates from Principal Howell –

■ Title 1 Presentation Review Last year's document: [Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy/Compact April 2024](#)

■ Staffing updates

■ March 14, 2025 State CTE evaluation

- Other

b. School updates from any students present

C. annual SDP parent survey

- <https://prdwebapps2.philasd.org/parentsurvey/>
- [Annual SDP parent Survey about your experiences with Saul](#)



7. \$/Taxes/ Budget

a. Treasurer report

■ **Balance- 3/11/25 balance in PFCU is \$2,906.65**

1. Signs for CFD
2. Reimbursement for staff supplies
3. Prom photo booth
4. Food for meetings
5. Monthly expenses- phone, Constant Contact

■ **Other**

b. Amazon Business account set up. Gili working on getting non-profit exemption from Amazon

c. Grant updates

- Wawa Grant- Received 250 coupons
- Univest- Gili applied for a \$5,000 grant on 12/31/24. No word yet.
- Acme grant – Gili finally applied 4/8/25
- Reapply for Activities grant. Who?

8. Advertise what HSA \$ are supporting:

- See early flyer that captures all the HSA does
- Staff requests – continue to post in weekly newsletter

9. Elections for 2025-2026 Board

a. Jenn updated the nomination form.

10. Seniors – any support needed from HSA?

- a. Prom Thursday May 22, 2025**
- b. Graduation- June 13, 2025 (last day of school)**
- c. Student awards- update**

11. Other

12. Meetings

- a. Executive Board: Next meeting Wednesday April 16 at 6 PM**

b. WB Saul HSA General Meetings:

- May 8th
- June? - **discuss**

WB Saul HSA General Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Agenda

1. **Welcome & Introductions:**
2. **SAC Meeting/ School updates**
3. **Rasheeda Sloan**, Family Engagement Schools Team (FEST) Liaison, FACE
 “Understanding Act 158: Different ways to successfully graduate high school”
4. **Day-off social activities: ice/roller skating, goats, movie, school dance**
 - a. **For these activities to happen, organization needed:**
 - Deciding on activity
 - Reserving spot at activity location
 - Modify existing Google Doc form
 - Create flyer – which includes QR code for Google Doc sign up
 - Advertise in newsletter, Instagram, Google Classroom, other
 - Get chaperones
 - Send reminders to students
 - \$ for activity (and food (?))
 - Attend event (or have enough chaperones)
 - b. **March 28, 2025 bowling**
 - Registration form set up
 - Flyer created and posted
 - Need more folks to sign up!
 - Chaperones: Delores and Erin. Others needed?
 - c. **April – during Spring Break? On a Tuesday (4/15/25?)**
 - d. **May 9, 2025 – Goats-** Gili to organize
5. **Country Fair Day**
 - a. **Details**
 - May 10, 2025; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - History of event
 - b. **Bi-weekly meetings-** Delores & Marina are attending
 - c. **Cow Plop Bingo**
 - Shakela to help with stuff aside from day of.

- Who able to spearhead. Erin to help with update design of boards and “personing” the booth.
- What else is needed?

d. Swag/sales

- seed paper-filled tins with Country Fair Day graphic to be sold as swag for the event – 48 tins. ready to be filled. Can possibly repurpose Holiday Bazaar tins if necessary.
- Erin identified butterfly shaped seed paper.
- Sell the silver ones and put new stickers on? Let's see about presales.
- presale/preorder and pick up that day for Country Fair day and use the version of the Form that Gili edited for post sales of Bazaar.
- Maybe only pre-order the Country Fair specific swag.

e. Raffle basket. Jenn Forbes-Nicotera will do another gift basket raffle. Garden-themed.

6. Graduation- June 13, 2025

7. Student awards- Felicia and Erin

- a. We updated Sam and Gabe about the HSA \$500 Award to be given to 1 (possibly 2) graduating seniors.
- b. Gabe Tuffs to provide us with names of students deserving of the Award. He said that he will share info with the teacher's committee and that recommendations will occur when they decide on other student awards.
- c. Ideal recipient is a kid who doesn't normally win awards/grades don't have to be great/nice person/donates time.

8. Fundraiser / community-building Activities

- a. Poppin' Popcorn.** Made a \$442.50 profit! Giancarlo won! Rewards/prizes received.
- b. Month of Gift Cards fundraiser.** Update
- c. Applebees Pancake breakfast fundraiser** – Delores to talk to Ohenewaa.
- d. Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner.**
 - We updated Sam and Gabe.
 - More excited if event is catered vs. us cooking on site
 - We would likely need to pay custodial staff to stay to clean up.
 - Not a fundraiser. HSA pays for it primarily. Pay what you want/\$5?. Getting commitment to attend might go better with small payment RSVPs. Cover costs.
 - Felicia and Delores.
 - April or May HSA night at 5 p.m instead of 6 p.m. start

9. \$/Taxes/ Budget

- a. **Balance-** 3/12/25 balance in PFCU is **\$3,386.46** (\$3,886.46-\$500 for photobooth)

b. **Amazon Business account** set up. Gili working on getting non-profit exemption from Amazon

c. **Grant updates**

- Wawa Grant- not accepted : (for \$ grant. Applied for coupons. Got coupons! *"We are happy to approve your request for (250) free hot beverage coupons."*
- Univest- Gili applied for a \$5,000 grant on 12/31/24. No word yet.
- Acme grant - Gili

10. HSA supporting:

- Working on flyer that captures all the HSA does
- Senior Dues- HSA help needed? Tom will investigate whether it is financial strain or just forgetfulness
- Senior photo booth - \$500. YES! Done.
- Staff requests

11. Elections for 2025-2026 Board

12. Other

13. Meetings

a. **Executive Board:** Next meeting March 23, 2025

b. **WB Saul HSA General Meetings:**

- April 10th
- May 8th
- June?

WB Saul HSA General Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome!

- a. Introductions
- b. Tonight, we will be updating and also asking for volunteers. We need you! Thanks in advance.

2. SAC Meeting/School updates from Saul staff

3. Day-off social activities: ice/roller skating, goats, movie, school dance

- a. **Thanks to parent/guardian volunteers** who chaperoned Feb 7, 2025 School Dance!
- b. **March 7, 2025 ice or roller skating.**
 - River Rink & Dilworth park no longer skating in March.
 - PENN ice rink is available
 - Maybe roller skating instead?
- c. **May 9, 2025 – Goats- Gili to organize**

4. Country Fair Day

a. Details

- May 10, 2025; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- History of event

b. Bi-weekly meetings- who can attend? Every 2 weeks from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on Wednesdays. Next meeting February 19th

c. Cow Plop Bingo

- Quickly review event
- Who able to spearhead

d. Swag/sales

- plushy chinchilla with a mini Saul t-shirt (ask Ms. Creighton); we already have left over tins and so we will add seeds;
- presale/preorder and pick up that day for Country Fair day and use the version of the Form that Gili edited for post sales of Bazaar.
- Maybe only pre-order the Country Fair specific swag.

5. Student awards- for seniors

6. Fundraiser / community-building Activities

- a. **Poppin' Popcorn. Update**
- b. **Month of Gift Cards fundraiser. Update**

- c. Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner. Update
- d. Applebees Pancake breakfast fundraiser

7. \$/Taxes/ Budget

- a. Balance- 2/13/25 balance in PFCU is \$3,474.42
- b. Amazon Business account set up.
- c. Gili working on getting non-profit exemption from Amazon
- d. Grant updates
 - o Wawa Grant- not accepted : (
 - o Univest- Gili applied for a \$5,000 grant on 12/31/24. It would support staff request items.
 - o Acme grant - Gili - program application (if you are an employee)- to do
- e. Acknowledgement of donation/Thank you notes Felicia is almost done.

8. HSA supporting:

■ Senior photo booth - \$500. **YES!**

■ Staff requests

1. Purchased items for Mrs. Anger
2. Highlighted Donor's Choose website in newsletter for staff requests
3. Gili met with each teacher who requested items and some we will fund and others they are ok.

■ Arts & music assemblies –Gabe said they would be happy to take \$

9. Meetings

a. Executive Board: Next meeting February 16, 2025, 5:00 PM Via Zoom

b. WB Saul HSA General Meetings:

- February 2025 will be virtual.
- March-June 2025 will be in-person and Zoom
- How do we get students there again. It was so great in December to have them there!
- Rasheeda (FACE rep) will meet with us live in March 2025 to talk about pathways to graduation

10. Other

WB Saul HSA General Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome/Happy new year!

2. Meetings

- a. January and February 2025 will be virtual. March-June 2025 will be in-person and Zoom
- b. Next Executive Board meeting: January 20, 2025 on Zoom at 6 p.m.

3. Holiday Bazaar: re-cap

- a. At our table Saulidays swag, regular swag, raffle, and HSA sign ups/dues
- b. Profit of \$1031 for swag & raffle
- c. Sign-up Genius for volunteers worked well
- d. Jenn F-B's raffle basket. Amazing!
- e. THanks to parent/guardian volunteers: Shay, Kristen & (partner) Jandolin, Jenn F-B, Delores, Marina, Erin, Felicia, Shakela

4. Saulidays gift to staff: every staff received a personalized card and either tin with candy or a candle. Thank you to Marina, Erin, Lori, (& Gili) for helping make it happen!

5. Vape workshop- Gili update.

- a. Gili worked with Saul staff (Dr. Kerby (local pediatrician), AP Tufts, Nurse Santos, Officer Blackwell, Tom Williams, climate manager, and a student) to plan an all-school assembly related to Vaping awareness.
- b. The event occurred on Thursday, 12/19/24 in two 25 minute sessions, one for 9th & 10th grade and one for 11th & 12th graders
- c. It included a detailed PowerPoint presentation, interactive "facts" activity, an impactful student plea, and brief presentation by Dr. Kerby, and an incentive Raffle.
- d. It was a learning experience for the presenters. Also, for the 25% of the students who could hear/paid-attention.

6. HSA-Sponsored activities

a. Day-off social Activities: ice/roller skating, goats, movie, other

- i. MLK day of service. Not in 2025. Maybe 2026.
- ii. Days off for 2025 – all half days
 - January 29, 2025?
 - Feb 7, 2025 Ohenewaa will lead.
 - March 7, 2025
 - May 9, 2025

b. Fundraiser / community-building Activities

- i. Poppin' Popcorn. January 2025. Delores.
- ii. Month of Gift Cards fundraiser. Marina
- iii. Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner. Delores and Felicia to spearhead. For February/Black History Month. Collaborate with the Food Science kids
- iv. Applebees Pancake breakfast fundraiser- Ohenewaa and Delores spearhead

7. **Grant updates**

- a. **Wawa Grant**-Any word?
- b. **Univest**- Gili applied for a \$5,000 grant on 12/31/24. It would support staff request items.
- c. **Acme grant** - Gili - program application (if you are an employee)- to do
- d. **School District Grants office** Felicia
- e. **Raymour and Flannigan** Delores
- f. **Acknowledgement of donation/Thank you notes** Felicia update –
- g. **What could grants fund?** Brainstormed ideas
 - i. Senior photo booth - \$500. Gabe requested last month
 - ii. Staff requests – Gili update
 - iii. MPR a/c
 - iv. Science labs
 - v. Arts & music assemblies – Gili to follow-up with Gabe
 - vi. Pavement/grounds improvement
 - vii. Country Fair Day

8. **School updates**

- a. Leadership
- b. Students
- c. Break for SAC meeting

9. **Balance**- Current balance in PFCU is \$3423.81

10. **Special Guest:** State Rep. Tarik Kahn

11. **cell phone policy** for Freshman starting January 2025. “No cell bell-to-bell.” Cellphone pouch.

12. **Web presence updates** –

- a. **Update re: zoom-only meetings for January and February 2025**
- b. Webpage needs some love. Who has time?

13. **Other**

WB Saul HSA General Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2023

Agenda

1. Welcome/check in

2. HSA-Sponsored activities

a. Day-off social

- i. Activities: goats, ice skating, movie, other
- ii. Days off for 2025 – all half days
 - 1. Feb 7 Ohenewaa will lead.
 - 2. March 7
 - 3. May 9

- b. November 15, 2024 **Ice-Skating Social:** 7 students + 2 chaperones. Fun was had! Spent a total of \$125 for skating and snacks.

c. Holiday Bazaar: December 14, 2024 10 AM -2 PM

- i. At our table Swag and HSA sign ups/dues and raffle
- ii. Saulidays Swag:
 - 1. Ornament with Erin's Cow graphic. \$7 to make so sell for \$12 or \$15.
 - 2. Candle tin with Erin's Chinchilla graphic. \$3 to make, so sell for \$7 each.
 - 3. Candy/mint tins \$2 to make, so sell for \$5 each.
 - 4. Chinchilla stickers. We will reimburse Erin for the cost.
- iii. Marina set up Sign-up Genius for volunteers
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9AA28A0F5C25-52689444-holiday>
- iv. Gifts for staff. There are 73 staff. Chinchilla candy/mints tin plus card that Shakela designed. Candy costs = \$90
- v. Jenn F-B is created the raffle basket. \$2/ticket & \$10 for 6.
- vi. Kristen Jandolin reached out to parents/guardians
- vii. Print a BIG QR code for the two pay options. Reprint bigger versions of the pricing board!

- d. Poppin' Popcorn. Delores to "drive" when she is available.
- e. Month of Gift Cards fundraiser Marina
- f. Service day = MLK day of service. We would not provide service at Saul. Need to find someone to spearhead.
- g. Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner. Delores and Felicia to spearhead.
 - i. For February/Black History Month
 - ii. Collaborate with the Food Science kids
- h. Applebees Pancake breakfast fundraiser- Ohenewaa and Delores spearhead

3. WB Saul HSA General Meetings

- a. Give up on in-person? Exec committee decided January and February Zoom only. March on, both.

4. School updates: leadership and students

- a. Follow up from November meeting:

- i. Vape epidemic. Gili identified a speaker. They are already connected to Gabe
 - ii. Incoming students for 2025-2026
 - iii. Cell phone policy “No cell bell-to-bell.”
- b. New updates
- c. Title 1
- d. Break for SAC meeting

5. Funds & Grants

- a. Balance- Current balance in PFCU is \$1,9xx
- b. Sham Cow fundraiser -- \$168!
- c. Wawa Grant- Shakela and Marina submitted!
- d. Acme grant - Gili - program application (if you are an employee)- to do
- e. School District Grants office
- f. Acknowledgement of donation/Thank you notes Felicia update –
- g. What could grants fund? Brainstormed ideas
- h. Staff survey
- i. What else?
 - i. MPR a/c
 - ii. Science labs
 - iii. Arts & music assemblies sponsorship – follow-up with Gabe
 - iv. Pavement/grounds improvement
 - v. Country Fair Day
 - vi. A piano for Saul - DONE.

6. Budget

- 1. Executive Board is continuing to work on finalizing an Annual operational budget
- 2. Include:
 - i. Monthly costs
 - a. HSA meeting snacks
 - b. Phone
 - c. Constant contact.
 - ii. Non-monthly costs:
 - a. HSA-sponsored community-building outings (ie. Bowling)
 - b. Staff love- welcome breakfast, staff appreciation, Saulidays swag
 - c. Senior awards
 - d. Up-front \$ for swag
 - e. Other/What else do we spend money on yearly?

7. Web presence updates – Felicia doing an awesome job on Facebook and Instagram! Marina and Gili updating Webpage.

8. New business/Other

9. Next meetings:

- a. general meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6 pm. ZOOM ONLY
- b. Executive board meeting January 19, 2025, time tbd

WB Saul HSA General Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Agenda

1. Welcome/check in/introductions

2. HSA Sponsored activities

- i. November 15 Ice skating update
- ii. Holiday Bazaar, tentative date: December 14, 20
 - a. Cow Plop Bingo at Holiday Bazaar (with drone)
 - b. Swag
 - c. [Sign up for volunteers](#)
 - d. Other (basket ideas, etc)
- iv. Service day
- v. Poppin' Popcorn. January 2025.
- Vi. Month of Gift Cards fundraiser (March 2025)
- vii. Applebees Pancake breakfast fundraiser
- viii. Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner
 - i. for February/Black History Month
 - ii. Collaborate with the Food Science kids

3. Funds

- i. Balance
- ii. Sham Cow fundraiser
- iii. swag
- iv. Wawa Grant
- v. Dues. –
 - i. So many dues-paying members! Water bottle incentive is working
 - ii. Thank you notes update

4. General Updates

5. Pause for SAC Meeting (School Advisory Council)

- i. School Welcome
- ii. Student welcome

6. Ways to get involved - active working session

7. New business/Other

8. Next meetings:

- i. executive board meeting: Sunday, November 24, 2024**
- ii. general meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6 pm**

WB Saul HSA General Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Agenda

1. Welcome/check in/introductions

2. HSA Sponsored activities

- i. **October 25th Ice skating update**
- ii. **Get out the Vote**
- iii. **Holiday Bazaar, tentative date: December 14, 2024**
 - i. **Cow Plop Bingo at Holiday Bazaar (with drone)**
 - ii. **Swag**
 - iii. **other**
- iv. **Service day**
- v. **Poppin' Popcorn. January 2025.**
- Vi. **Month of Gift Cards fundraiser (maybe March 2024?) Need volunteers to help collect gift certificates. If interested let Marina know**
- vii. **Applebees Pancake breakfast fundraiser- Who has time to spearhead?**
- viii. **Old-fashioned Spaghetti Dinner**
 - i. **for February/Black History Month**
 - ii. **Collaborate with the Food Science kids**

3. Funds

- i. **Balance**
- ii. **Sham Cow fundraiser**
- iii. **swag**
- iv. **Wawa Grant**
- v. **Dues. –**
 - i. **So many dues-paying members! Water bottle incentive is working**
 - ii. **Thank you notes update**

4. General Updates

- i. **Constant Contact for family newsletter**
- ii. **PHSC**
- iii. **Vape confiscations**
- iv. **Cell phone use in school**

5. Pause for SAC Meeting (School Advisory Council)

- i. School Welcome**
- ii. Student welcome**

6. Ways to get involved - active working session

7. New business/Other

8. Next meetings:

- i. executive board meeting: Sunday, October 20 5:00 PM**
- ii. general meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6 pm**

WB Saul HSA General Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Agenda

1. **Welcome/check in/introductions**
2. **Review of last year's accomplishments**
3. **Review of Exec committee's summer work & proposed plan for this year**
4. **HSA Sponsored activities**
5. **Funds**
 - a. **Grant updates**
 - b. **Proposed plan for how to spend raised funds**
 - c. **Balance**
6. **Ways to get involved**
7. **Pause for SAC Meeting** (School Advisory Council)
 - School Welcome
 - Student welcome
8. **New business/Other**
9. **Next meetings:**
 - a. executive board meeting: Sunday, September 22 5:00 PM
 - b. general meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6 pm