

Hogoshakai Coffee Social Meeting Minutes

1. Greeting from Principal Kawai

Principal Kawai shared a greeting and expressed appreciation for the Parent Association’s support of the school.

2. Greeting from Founder Shimizu

Founder Shimizu spoke about the school’s current structure, the history of the Parent Association, the support provided for students, and the role of parents as ambassadors for the school. Guests visiting from Japan were also introduced and invited to share a few words.

3. Introduction of the BCA Saturday School Parent Association

- The current Parent Association was launched last year, after the previous association had been inactive since around 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Parent Association was created with the goal of helping provide a Japanese educational and cultural experience for all students attending Saturday School, while also supporting a welcoming community for parents.
- Events held during the past school year:
 2025: April–Coffee Social, July-NPO launch, September-Coffee Social, November-Bake Sale
 2026: January-Coffee Social, February-Spring Festival
- The association started with no initial funds and has since been established as an NPO. A food worker permit was also obtained.
- For the Spring Festival, prizes and other items were sourced locally.

4. Financial Report

| Fiscal Year of 2025 | 内訳/Details | 金額/Amount | 小計/Sub total |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 収益 / Amount Raised | Bake Sale | \$2443.12 | \$8,679.13 |
| | Spring Festival | \$4,785.00 | |
| | Others | \$1,151.01 | |
| 支出 / Use of Fund | Spring Festival | \$2,271.85 | \$3492.56 |
| | Others | \$1,220.71 | |
| 総計 / Total | \$5,186.57 | | |

- Income: Bake Sale, Spring Festival, and a donation from Founder Shimizu.
- Expenses: The Bake Sale did not require any spending thanks to the generosity of volunteers. Spring Festival expenses included supplies, prizes, and other event-related items. “Other” expenses included teacher gifts, donations, and similar items.

- For the 2025–2026 school year, the association recorded a positive balance of \$5,186.57.
- A payment system using Zeffy, which does not charge transaction fees, was implemented. A bank account was also opened with U.S. Bank under the NPO.

5. Request for Volunteers

- Volunteers are needed for the next school year. Sign-ups may be collected through a QR code and other methods.
- The treasurer position will be open, and new volunteers are encouraged to consider stepping into this role.
- For the president, vice president, and secretary roles, the current members would also be happy to welcome new volunteers if anyone is interested, so the association can continue to grow with fresh participation.
- Ideas for Spring Festival booths are also welcome.

6. Upcoming Events This Year

- Sunday, June 14: World Cup soccer viewing party — Japan vs. Netherlands @ BCA
- Saturday, August 22: Mariners vs. Cubs, Japanese Heritage Night @ T-Mobile Park TBD
- Date TBD: Spring Festival