

Hearst Elementary School PTA Meeting
October 10, 2018
Hearst Library

Start: 6:09PM

1st Grade Teacher Presentation - thank you Ms. Boyle and Ms. Schiers!

Inner Core collaboration. Inner Core = specials.
Each grade level met with the inner core team and listed all they would do and how that could live in the inner core (we do animals and Spanish special works on Spanish words for animals). Cohesive across grades. What we are learning in the classroom is "living" when we go to specials.
Rules in classroom = how to check out a book.
Map in classroom and library is continents and countries, characteristics and culture.
Studying map features and will make their own maps. Then will focus on world map and seven continents and the five oceans. In library the students will rotate through stations designed to either review the world map or teach key characteristics of certain countries and cultures.

Update from Principal Thomas on our results from last year's school goals, and draft goals for this year

Review of 2017-2018 goals and where Hearst ended up.

Speaking about PARCC - 33 percent new cohort plus 15 kids in 3-5 who were new to Hearst, including a handful of kids with IEPs with significant hours.

Mixed results on our PARCC. Some grade levels performed higher. Figuring out how to support ELL and IEPs
Growth in 4th and 5th grade kids who were at Hearst and took the test again. That's what we'd like to set our goals around.
Roughly 115-120 kids.

Draft school goals: iReady Math 2nd-5th ; TRC K-2; Reading Inventory 3rd-5th ; Writing goals

One thing that will be different - in the previous year we set a goal around Black and Latino in K-2. This year the subgroups in This year, that subgroup in K-2 are so small that we won't set a goal. Will still work on closing gaps.

Three focus areas - Literacy, math, social-emotional learning.

5-Minute Finance Update (Susan Chun)

Will do an update at meetings on how money is used. Increase visibility, appreciation of the need for the PTA funding and understanding of its uses.

Software: Lexia, Mastery Connect, iReady, Bloomz

Kennedy Center Partnership

SmartBoard - assessment and repair

School beautification supplies, spearheaded by parent volunteer

Screen on the Green equipment rental, spearheaded by parent volunteer

Tons of wonderful classroom supplies, bus for field trips

Smartboard - Contractor assessed and did some fixes. They are coming back. There's immediate repairs (ordering new cords and cables). There are bigger things like projector is missing (parts used for others). One challenge is when our school was redone, all smartboards were refurbished. Most of the warranties went out within six months to one year in 2013. These are not produced anymore, but parts can be found in Canada.

Dewayne McClary (ward 3 ednet) trying to come up with a plan to propose to DCPS. In a lot of districts, equipment is leased and if there's a break, you send it back and get a new one. In DC, schools buy them. Dewayne and others are pushing for central options and leasing model so all kids have access to technology.

Teachers using classroom funds for a projector but it's not interactive and doesn't take the place of a SmartBoard.

Ms. Boyle - PTA funds are also being used for differentiated seating. Also called flexible seating.

Bloomz (Jen Thomas) - the PTA pays for Bloomz. If anyone is not getting updates through Bloomz, they should reach out to Ms.

Hinchey and she will add you to the group.

Susan - reach out to Bloomz as well if you have questions.

Owl Fund Results to Date (Kay Parry)

Information on the Owl Fund and the contest.

Contest ends on October 31.

Grade level with highest participation rate (goal is 100 percent) of families donating any amount wins a cupcake party.

Just under 45 percent participation across the whole school.

What is the LSAT? (Brian Doyle)

Staff - Sarah Schiers (co-chairman), Carol Baker, Katie Dilley, Shannon Montgomery, Beth Prince and Meaghan Walsh
Parents - Brian Doyle (co-chairman), Julie Hantman, Skip Holmes, Emily Olesh, Alice Wang, Amanda Provost.
Advisory body to principal. School goals, enrollment, PARCC and other testing results, school budget, future planning.

Ward 3 - Wilson Feeder Education Network
Made up of PTA, LSAT and interested community members
Support and advocate for schools in feeder pattern
Next meeting is a candidate forum for Ward 3 State School Board race - Oct. 17 at 7pm at Tenley Library
Major issue - overcrowding at Wilsin and in feeder schools

Download from DPR Hearst Park Meeting (David Dickinson, Christine Galano)

1st phase - Playground renovation. Improved shading, sinkholes in rubber matting and the turf field. Contractor is now on board. Renovation probably happen over spring break - "most likely." Maybe even earlier.
Swinging disc will be removed and a new climbing item with a slide will be added.

2nd phase hopefully completed summer 2020. Pool in SW corner of park. Take two tennis courts and two others will move further east.

There's a traffic study associated with all of this. DGS short-circuited the traffic study during the EIS part. The study is done but there's still an opportunity to look at mitigation.

Lighting the path to Rodman, lighting on 37th St.

DPR three-month pool.

Upcoming Events:
E-Cycle - October 20.
Moon bounce sponsored by PTA.

Auction - Saturday March 23

End: 7:36pm