

Hearst Elementary School PTA Meeting  
December 12, 2018

Meeting began at 6:00pm

**Presentation from 5<sup>th</sup> grade math/science teacher Mr. Levin and PE Teacher Mr. Coleman**

Mr. Levin - Makerspace Cornerstone - build and purchase a makerspace in the library. A makerspace is a hands-on lab for creative activity. 3D printing, building Lego bricks, etc. Kids crated budget sheets for the new makerspace. Had to be under \$3K. What they purchased had to be able to be used by PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade to demonstrate the Hearst value of inclusiveness. Judges came in. By the end of this year, all items will be purchased and hopefully ready for the fall.

Still to come - partnering with Netherlands and other class is doing Finland. Baseball-themed STEM projects in partnership with the Nationals.

Whole 5<sup>th</sup> grade will do Model UN here and 12 students will do an inter-school event in the spring on climate change.

Debates, poetry and creative problem solving for social justice issues in ELA.

Mr. Coleman - PK-2<sup>nd</sup> - locomotor skills, parachute skills, underhand and overhand throwing an object toward a target, learning to use stations and work with partner and group.

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - soccer and basketball schools - dribbling, passing, shooting. Invasion games and developing strategies, respecting and understanding rules of the game. Displaying sportsmanship.

Upcoming units - gymnastics, striking an object, striking with an implement (tennis, baseball and golf), fitness testing - pushups, curl-ups, sit and reach test, baseball skills.

Things I Coach - fall girls and boys cross country, winter - girls and boys basketball and spring girls and boys track

**Kaizen Update on the winter enrichment schedule**

Coach V (owner) and Tania Martinez (operations assistant)

Tania - Most classes have been filled. Make sure you are checking emails and accepting the classes or you will lose the spot.

French class price will rise if the teacher doesn't get the minimum of four students.

Because DPR has a contract for the gym, they got first dibs on the space.

Chess - Zivorad Djuric - we will have two groups of students based on experience. [www.russiahouse.org](http://www.russiahouse.org) - once a month tournament at the Russia House.

Karley Sessoms - More than Lemonade

Tippi Toes DC - Tippi Jam - PK and it's ballet, tap and jazz. popstars class is a combo of jazz and hiphop and for older grades

Power Tots Inc - rotate equipment every four weeks. Second floor atrium level.

Rachel Moore - Cooks and Storybooks

Kirsten Rhodes - foreign language classes here except French. Additionally, attached please find the winter session calendar.

Coach V - if parents have suggestions, we will work on it. We can use vendors we already work with or go find a new one. Need to have redundancy (if teacher sick, there's a back up) and I look for classes for kids to advance (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Also need to use vendors who can produce background checks.

### **Overview from Principal Thomas on Hearst's rating in the new DC School Report Card and STAR system**

Hearst scored a 4 out of 5.

Score was a 75.17% and 80% is the start of 5%.

OSSE is going to update some of the facts that are wrong (free before care, free after care).

Liz Stuart - If you have questions, email OSSE. They are paying attention and answering questions.

We will dive into the data deeper and will share if and what we will adjust in our comprehensive school plan because of what the data is saying.

Next Thursday night (Dec. 20) the interim chancellor will be doing a book club at the Cleveland Park library. Includes Principal Thomas and Ms. Gray.

**Follow-up on SmartBoard maintenance and PTA support (Jeremy Evans)**

Susan Chun hands out new budget that she designed.

Jeremy Evans - We got an additional invoice and contract.

\$6.5K additional to complete the SmartBoard project and give all teachers functioning boards.

More than \$100K in our bank account. Budgeted \$65K for Owl Fund and made \$80K so far.

Teachers also willing to reduce classroom expenses so we can fund it.

We are in a good financial position but we need to spend more money.

About \$15K-\$16K overall this year on boards.

Liz Stuart - it is fine and we need to do it but This seems like a core part of school infrastructure that DCPS should pay for.

It's horrible that we have to do when other schools around the city cannot pay for this.

Jen Thomas- LSAT members right now speaking at budget forum at Janney and saying DCPS must pay for technology.

Jeremy - We under budgeted (\$1K in budget for SmartBoards) because we had heard DCPS might take over technology funds.

Amanda - this is the "what's the next step" that we talked about last month.

Jeremy - teachers are willing to offer up classroom expenses because this is so critical. We might want to just absorb it ourselves. We can look at the budget and see what adjustments we can make.

If we have to vote, we would have to do it in January because would have to give a one-month's notice.

Jen Thomas - We've been Franksteining for five years. This is the first time we are doing wholesales fixes. All Boards came to Hearst refurbished but not new.

On reserve fund - Susan and Jeremy met with treasurers and bookkeepers from other schools. Looking at CDs and other investment opportunities.

Money raised - \$670 Nandos, \$400 at Proper Topper, and \$250 from Minted.

Upcoming Events (Amanda Provost)  
Holiday Lunch is Dec. 21  
Wine Party 1 is January 12  
Politics and Prose is January 27  
Wine Party 2 is February 9  
Hearst Auction is March 23

Mary O'Neill - please help solicit donations.  
Still looking for people to do sign-up parties. Fun way to raise  
more money but also bring people together.  
We can send out more info.

End of meeting 7:30pm