

Hearst Elementary School
PTA Meeting
January 9, 2019

Ms. Dawkins (Pre-K) and Karen Brown (Kennedy Center) - discuss the partnership with DCPS and arts in the classroom. Residency is made up of 10 classroom visits. Really get to know the kids and spend quality time together.

Ms. Vandivier on the Book Fair - Scholastic book fair was last week of November. Sales of more than \$10K this year. Our profit in books is about \$6K. We buy some books and give them away to kids at the end of the year. Also look at what kids and teachers are asking me for. Rocks and minerals have been huge this year. Graphic novels and different series need to be updated. PTA has been "incredibly generous" and buys each student a book during the book fair. Teachers did well with their Wish Lists as well. We'll do it again next November.

Auction Update - Christina Burnett and Kim Cooper

We are passing out a flyer for all of you to take to a local business and make a donation. Tax ID number is on the form. There will be a live auction and a silent auction. Hired a different auctioneer this year and he will help us ahead of time.

Sat. January 12 is the first wine party at the Long's house.
Sat. February 9 is the second wine party at the Levine's house.
Ticket prices have gone up about \$5 per ticket. First increase in a long time. Tickets going on sale in a couple of weeks and available via Venmo.

Looking for big-ticket items. If you have connections to personal interactions with DC celebrities then please let us know. We can put together an auction item.

Vacation homes would be great. Holiday gifts you don't like!

Also looking for families to donate a party. Hike in Rock Creek to hosting a dinner party or wine party at your house. Great way to make a couple hundred dollars and hang out with your friends. One example this year is a bourbon party that one guy is bringing to others' house.

Looking for corporate sponsors.

Ideas for Fund the Need. Raise your paddle and fund the need and

we earmark money for certain items. We did cleaning supplies last year (Lysol) and we helped fund the beehives.

DCPS Budget Update (Jen Thomas) - (SEE SLIDES FROM MEETING)

It's budget season in DCPS.

Comprehensive explanation of the budget cycle.

Budgets among schools differ by student population and grades served.

Two ways that principals exercise flexibility to build their budgets.

Flexible funding (not mandatory positions like Assistant Principal)- what can we use that money for that would benefit the school. Non-personnel funds + Non-required staff funding = flexible funds.

Petitions -

PTA to add LSAT survey link into the PTA Corner ahead of budget discussions

PTA Budget Discussion:

Rest of SmartBoard repairs - \$10,500 - (Jen Thomas) It will fix the remaining boards and make sure we are up in working order, hopefully for 2-3 years. Includes additional training for teachers by the techs on how to use and maintain their boards and keep them alive longer. There is money in that amount for extra bulbs and maintenance.

Motion: That we vote on spending \$10,500 on SmartBoard repairs (Skip Holmes). Second is by - PreK parent Julia Krahe. The motion wins.

Enrichment - in process - Christine Galano and Amanda Provost - we are meeting with Kaizen and having a mid-year check-in with Kaizen and TechNuf and Mr. Ibrahim.

We are trying to right size some technology things and give feedback.

We've learned a lot on the budgeting side. We agreed to pay for Mr. Ibrahim and sometimes for a second person during changeover. We've had more teachers express an interest in teaching classes than ever before.

A vote could happen at next month's meeting.

Hearst Upper Field Soccer Goals - \$3,934 (Skip Holmes)

Started researching this a few months ago. Jolyon Bowman had been Frankensteining the goals for a while. But the goal closest to 37th St. fully broke this weekend and was moved behind the Rec building. This money is for the exact ones we currently have, which lasted for 10 years.

Principal Thomas spoke to Stoddert and they may be willing to pay. Here is the note they sent "Below is the text from the Stoddert rep, Nick Papadis: "we would be happy to donate to your school auction (if you hold one) or donate soccer balls or other supplies to your PE program. We recently changed the nets at the turf field by the playground before the holidays as part of our work with DPR but would love to support beyond that."

Perhaps we talk to PPA and Stoddert and pressure them.

Upcoming Events:

Wine Party 1 - Jan. 12 at the Long's house

Wine Party 2 - Feb. 9 at the Levine's house

Politics and Prose - Jan. 27 - contact Jami Schell to sign up.

Parents Night Out - Friday, March 1 from 6-10pm for \$20 total.

Prospective Parent Open House at the Stuart-Doyle home - Jan. 27

Hearst Auction - Saturday March 23rd at Washington Hebrew