



HEARST ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

"The Best Little School in the District"



PTA Meeting

February 13, 2019

Our agenda for tonight



- Presentation from 4th grade teachers Ms. Drew and Ms Singanong, and ELL Teacher Mr. Ibrahim
- Overview from Principal Thomas on community budget input
- Update from Wilson Feeder Pattern Final Report
- Proposal on Hearst Soccer Goals
- Upcoming events, including Auction
- PTA Executive Board roles

Welcome to Ms. Drew, Ms.
Singanong, Mr. Ibrahim

Budget Survey feedback

- **Staff's Top Priorities (37 responses)**

- Special Education – 29 votes
- SEL – 19 votes
- Additional Student Support (Intervention and Extension) - 17 votes

- **Families' Top Priorities (54 responses)**

- Literacy and Writing – 37 votes
- Math – 34 Votes
- Science and Technology - 24 votes

Wish Lists - Families

- Full-time Nurse
- Music therapist, Assistant PE teacher/coach
- Community liaison
- Partner teachers at all grades
- Instrumental music instruction
- Enrichment programs
- ESL support
- More interventionists
- Full-time Spanish teacher
- Vice Principal
- Someone focusing on gifted kids
- Full time recess staff
- School counselor
- Entrepreneurship teacher for a special or SEM option and a grammar/cursive handwriting teacher

Wish Lists - Families

- Expand facilities
- Playground shelter and improved playground facilities
- More enrichment geared to CES students and others with different needs
- 10-week enrichment periods
- PTA, aftercare program
- Sharing resources with schools in lower-income areas
- Outdoor classroom space
- After school homework club
- Technology
- Communications
- School-provided materials for home use
- Supplies
- Community service teaching and trips
- Music instruments
- Conflict Resolution
- The arts. Diversity training
- Science labs and experiment activities that can be done beyond a single grade
- More field trips
- Extending lunch by 15 minutes

Wish Lists - Staff

• Staffing

- Assistant Principal
- Additional SPED Teacher
- Behavior Support Tech
- Counselor
- Dance/Movement Teacher
- Dean of Students
- Dedicated SS/Science Teacher for 3-5
- Floating Partner Teacher
- Full-time Spanish

• Stuff

- Funds for Related Service Providers
- Behavior/SEL Training
- Supplemental Academic Resources
- Language Classroom (Technology-based)
- Assemblies (dance, music, etc.)
- Sensory Room
- Technology



OVERCROWDING IN WILSON HIGH SCHOOL FEEDER PATTERN

BRIAN DOYLE, WARD 3 – WILSON FEEDER EDUCATION NETWORK

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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- Almost ALL schools in the Wilson High School feeder pattern are at or above capacity
- Even conservative projections have the problem getting substantially worse in coming years

WHAT HAS DCPS DONE?

- Convened advisory group with representatives from each school in feeder group, W3ENet, School Board, and Councilmember Cheh's office
- Looked at LOTS of different creative solutions...
- ...But bottom line:

“While it was clear that one strategy alone would not address the current or future overcapacity challenges facing schools in the Wilson High School feeder pattern... The option that the group felt would most effectively and equitably address overcrowding long-term was additional capacity and square footage in the feeder pattern.”

- What does that mean?

WHAT ELSE?

- What else?
 - Partnerships/Co-locations – UDC, Duke Ellington?
 - Improve Schools around City
 - Usage fees for developers – to support
 - Policy Flexibility – not force schools to pull students off waitlist when overcrowded
 - Short-term solutions: more portables, schedules, etc.

WHAT NEXT?

- Initial Response by Chancellor and Deputy Mayor is encouraging
- But many challenges remain (\$, high needs elsewhere, locating space, politics, etc.)
- Most solutions are imperfect
- Current concerns:
 - Old Hardy Building
 - Pushing for next steps
 - Hearst: Implications of developments on Wisconsin Ave.



Proposal for Hearst Soccer Goals



Auction – we need your help!

Three asks:

- Night-of volunteers
- Donations and Sign-Up Party hosts
- Bidders for Online Auction – March 4th – 11th

See you at our next events!

SILVER

Silver Community Dining
Tuesday, February 26th
Cathedral Commons



Parent's Night Out!
Friday, March 1st
Library



**Prospective Parent
Open House**
Friday, March 15th
Library



Hearst Auction
Saturday, March 23rd
Washington Hebrew



Sweat & Sip
Friday evening – date TBD
Orange Theory Tenleytown

Available PTA Executive Board positions for 2020



Christine Galano
Co-President



Amanda Provost
Co-President



Deb Dasgupta
Vice President



Beth Prince
Corresponding Sec.



Heather Rothman
Recording Sec.



Susan Chun
Treasurer



Charles Greene
Room Parent
Coord.



Ashley Boyle
Teacher Rep.



Jeremy Evans
Bookkeeper