

Hearst Elementary School PTA Meeting
April 10, 2019

Presentation of the 2019-2020 Hearst PTA Budget:

Keep the Owl Fund at \$750.

Elham - \$750 is the suggested amount but we are sensitive that folks have different situations.

Enrichment class fee discussion of the bump this year from \$25 to \$50. Larger number of classes taught by teachers and we have to pay them.

Mat Levine - price could be increased further

Drama Club - last year we began paying the teachers running Drama Club. They believe \$2500 left after all is said and done.

Support- \$4480 - amount to pay the FT teachers (2 enrichment) and PT (1 enrichment). We are supporting them with about \$2K. We will try to target a net support of about \$2K going forward.

PTA E-Board Fund - ex/soccer goals. \$7500.

Emily Olesh - as EB volunteers, you should have some level of flexibility.

Look at a 9-month or 12-month CD in May of the reserves.

Paddle raise for laptops/tech at auction raised \$15,600

Many line items are commitments but doesn't necessarily mean we spend it.

We will post the budget and vote next month

Guest Peter Norden from DPR to review Hearst playground and park renovations:

There will be a community meeting on Tuesday April 23 in the Hearst gym.*****This date was modified after the meeting to May 7 due to another community meeting

Going through permitting process - have awarded general contractor and they are finalizing project schedule and fitting within the budget.

Newly graded field. Irrigation system. Playground shade and structure. Walking trail. 25-yard pool - six lanes plus zero entry. Three to two tennis courts but also practice court. Field will be 300x168 and full size with irrigation. Natural grass. Pool house.

Upper turf field staying.

Playground - replacing the soft ground.

Walking trail around the field.

New pathway from parking lot and past Rec Center and ADA accessible.

120 new trees to be planted. New benches and ADA improvements and routes to the pool and field.

Bio-filtration area - stormwater management, native habitats,

butterfly gardens, educational signage, boardwalks.
Had hoped to do playground over spring break. But it would be offline 3-4 weeks. It will start in mid-June after school ends. No DPR summer camps at Hearst and we'll start field and playground. Start right when school ends. 2-3 weeks but could be 3-4 weeks for the pour in place rubber floor. Rope climber will go in the "swing of death" location. Need to have fall zones for each item. Add some rubber surfacing. Working with Casey Trees. Have community days and do tree planting. Shade "sails" over the new and existing structure. Sails also going on the tot lot structure. New benches coming with shade on top of them. No convenient time to lose a playground but school year is the worst. There will be a walkthrough with DPR and DGS and contractor so they can look at minor issues needing fixes around the playground, such as the netting next to the turf field next to the hill and the water fountain (needs pressure?) We have a full heavy sign package coming in.

State streets are part of the federal highway program. So Idaho can't be transferred from DDOT to DPR.

Community requested we don't add trees b/c it's a sledding hill.

Still no funding for the Rec Center and the restrooms. DPW is well aware of the Rec issues. It's a historic building. We will have to come with funding in the future. There's no elevator or ADA accessibility. Just to do the bathrooms is not possible

DGS, not Principal Thomas, is responsible for playground fixes.

13 Heritage trees are being preserved and tennis/pool fence is actually moving in and a few week further away from the trees.

37th and Quebec - you check into the pool at street level but you then take stairs or elevator down to the changing rooms. Six-foot high wall with a six-foot fence on top to separate pool from tennis courts.

Field is starting this summer as well. New field will have a gravel layer underneath to help absorb water. It will be rounded so excess water falls off the field.

Open by Memorial Day 2020.

Won't do lights the whole way around. But lighting along new ADA pathway from school down to Idaho. 12-14" high and domed and only shine downward. No additional lights on 37th St.

No more baseball backstop but not a huge cost.

Mark Farrell and Adam Sikich ask for a baseball backstop if possible.

Norden - We can use do it if the community wants it.

Next community meeting is April 23, 2019 - 6:30-8pm **Changed after the fact to May 7**

Field restoration - summer 2019 - fall of 2019

Playground construction - about one month's work starting June 17

No summer DPR camps in 2019

Stormwater remediation - summer 2019

Pool and poolhouse construction start - fall 2019 (tennis courts offline)

Project completion - summer 2020

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Wayne.gore@dc.gov - DGS Community outreach specialist.

PTA open positions for next year and notification for May vote
Review of the proposed 2019-2020 Hearst PTA budget and May vote notification

Introduction of the School-to-School Initiative for feedback/discussion - lots of ways to do this -a percentage of funds or a one-off fundraiser. Founder would be willing and able to come to a PTA meeting.

Christina - maybe do a one-off fundraiser and then for the next year, build on it and work on making it a line item.

Julia - maybe a paddle raise at the auction.

Mark Farrell - Maybe use the interest from the CD for this.

Upcoming events

Nando's - Tuesday June 4

Food Truck Friday at Hearst - TBD

Sweat and Sip at Orange Theory - TBD

Notification of other May votes

2019 Auction expenses

PTA contribution to 2019 Drama volunteer staff

Teacher-led classes and enrichment 2018-9 expenses