

Hearst Elementary School PTA Meeting
November 13, 2019

1. 3rd Grade Teacher Presentation by Mr. Stacey and Ms. Dilley
 - a. New social studies initiatives
 - i. Time traveling through DC history by researching old maps to investigate changes to DC landscape.
 - b. Math and science
 - i. Chicken egg incubation and hatching experience complete
 - ii. Students are using different strategies for multiplying
 - c. Technology preparations
 - i. Students will be assigned their own computers for the school year
 - ii. Students are learning about social media manners
 - iii. Parents are encouraged to have students use typing programs

2. Kaizen/Technuf Presentation
 - a. Winter enrichment session starts January 6, 2020, registration begin soon.
 - b. PTA was introduced to the Aphelia application by Technuf
 - i. Aphelia will be the new platform parents will use for registration, payments (via Stripe), attendance updates, and notifications.
 - ii. Aphelia will replace current mixed system of using 6crickets and SignUp Genius
 - iii. Aphelia will be used to generate the rosters given to Hearst staff and vendors
 - iv. Aphelia will be able to perform the lottery for teacher/parent led classes
 1. System will directly email lottery winners
 - v. Invitation email for winter registration will include a training video
 - c. Questions/Answers
 - i. How will non-English parents' access?
 1. Hearst staff will help coordinate
 - ii. Will parents have to re-register for Aphelia in the spring?
 1. Information will carry over to spring session
 - iii. How are parents supposed to advise Kaizen of student absences?
 1. Parents should send notices through Aphelia but can also send notices to Ms. Carla, the on-site coordinator, especially if last minute
 - iv. Will homeroom teacher receive rosters?
 1. Vendors will receive initial rosters, then homeroom teachers
 - v. Will tablets be able to work in the school's dead spots for cellular/Wi-Fi?
 1. App will have an offline mode and will automatically update when service is detected

3. Principal Geoffroy's Presentation of the Comprehensive School Plan
 - a. The Comprehensive School Plan will be formally released with Hearst's latest star rating in December
 - i. A condensed version will be put on the school's website

- b. The plan's goal is to eliminate barriers to all to succeed at Hearst, whether the barriers be academic or social-emotional.
- c. The staff is focusing on the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework
- d. Plan is comprised of 5 focus areas
 - i. Shared Leadership
 - 1. UDL focused school-based professional learning sessions
 - 2. Peer learning experiences
 - 3. Consistent and clear communications
 - ii. Family and Staff Engagement
 - 1. Link family engagement and school-based professional learning sessions
 - 2. Individual communication from staff to families 2 times per term
 - 3. Continue with best practices
 - iii. Culture of Achievement
 - 1. Measured partially through student satisfaction survey of 3rd through 5th graders
 - a. Loved, belonging, challenged, prepared
 - b. Responsive classroom
 - c. Responsive to misbehavior
 - iv. Academics
 - 1. UDL focused school-based professional learning sessions
 - 2. Writing and vocabulary
 - 3. Modeling and application
 - v. Equity
 - 1. Equity, diversity, and inclusion training
 - 2. ALT book study
 - 3. Adult modeling
- e. The PTA will be updated on the status of the improvements later in the school year

4. Owl Fund Contest Results

- a. Kindergarten was the winner of the initial contest with 75% participation, school wide participation was 60%
- b. Second chance contest goal was 70%, and 70.4% participation was reached!
- c. School-wide party to celebrate will be Monday, November 25 with cake pops and a surprise guest!
- d. The Owl Fund will continue to accept donations all year
- e. Contest is a kick start to the new school year
- f. PTA will try to figure out how to engage the 30% of non-givers and will focus efforts on greater participation in the upper grades next school year

5. Events

- a) Now through December 31st – Minted Fundraiser
- b) November 16th – The Hearst Annual E-cycle
 - i. Volunteers, books, and bakers still needed
 - ii. No bike swap this year as vendor did not respond

- c) November 22nd – First Open House
 - i. Volunteers needed
- d) December 8th – Proper Topper Sip and Shop from 6-8 p.m.
 - i. 10% of proceeds go back to Hearst
- e) December 20th – Holiday Luncheon
 - i. Beth Pershing is the chair
 - ii. Volunteers needed
- f) January 26th – Politics and Prose Shopping Event
 - i. Volunteer needed for coordinating
- g) February 1st and 29th – Events formally known as Auction Wine Parties
- h) March 28th – Hearst Auction at new location TBA