

Hearst Elementary School PTA E-Board Mtg
January 8, 2020

Attendees: Jen Geoffroy, Kerry Schwed, Beth Prince, Christina Burnett, Deb Dasgupta, Kristine Inchausti, Keri Sikich, Ashley Boyle, Christine Gallano, and Susan Chun.

1) **Budget/Finance Update**

- a. Proposed budget formulation for next year will be presented at the February PTA meeting
- b. Susan/Kristine reviewed the current status of the 2019-2020 budget
 - i. Need to find out from Beth Pershing if there was any leftover money from the Holiday Luncheon
 - ii. It was proposed that the PTA use a portion of the book fair allotment to purchase books for a disadvantaged school elsewhere in DC
 1. Need to check with Ms. V
- c. Proposals/discussions on receivables/expenditures
 - i. Sell gear at basketball games – Student Council venture?
 - ii. Smartboard repairs
 1. DCPS has money to fix, but repairs have to go through a ticketing system
 2. Jen is looking into purchasing projectors as backup
 - iii. Clock and speaker repairs
 1. Responsibility for these repairs fall under DGS and are low priority items
 2. Looking into ways to get the work orders moved up in priority

2) **Website Update**

- a. Deb found an affordable alternative to the current website provider
- b. Need graphic design help from parent community
- c. Looking to connect the website calendar with the Bloomz calendar (no embedding)
- d. Board should think of additional content for the next e-Board meeting, ask at the next PTA meeting, Jen to ask staff
 - i. New to Hearst tab
 - ii. Budget updates at BOY, MOY, and EOY – secured log-in?
- e. Deb will present at the February PTA meeting

3) **Aftercare/Enrichment Committee Update**

- a. Keri reviewed the results of the Aftercare/Enrichment Survey
 - i. 98 respondents representing 132 of students
 - ii. Overall, 68% of respondents were satisfied with current Aftercare/Enrichment situation
 - iii. INNIS meets 97% of the needs of current users, 84% of the needs of all respondents
 1. Need improvement in communications and quality of care
 - iv. Enrichment meets 75% of the needs of current uses, 69% of the needs of all respondents
 1. Need to improve course offerings and schedule
 2. Need to offer more teacher/parent-led classes that are of lower cost to parents
 - v. Feedback to be sent to INNIS (Michelle and Brent)
 1. Will establish a liaison to communicate between INNIS and PTA

2. Establish a time line for implementing improvements
 - b. First Committee meeting results
 - i. Meeting went well. Some chairs/liaisons established
 1. Claire will lead Spring 2020 enrichment session
 2. Dave and Skip will work with the Rec
 3. Steve will lead an INNIS working group
 - ii. Can we boost WiFi in school to aid Spring enrichment coordinators?
 1. Jen reported no, DCPS would not allow it.
 - c. INNIS -further discussion
 - i. Require INNIS to submit all necessary paperwork at a much earlier date (i.e. July 1st). Many of the current issues are with off-site admin, not on-site staff.
 - ii. If we continue to use INNIS, establish a yearly contract. Current INNIS only has a building use agreement.
- 4) Upcoming Events
- a. Open Houses – January 10 and February 7 (last one!)
 - b. Politics & Prose – January 26
 - i. Ashley has about half of the teacher wish lists
 - ii. There will be at max 4 readers during fundraiser time
 - iii. Kids will make some posters for the store windows
 - iv. Sign-up to go out for volunteers to help day of the event is up.
 - c. Auction
 - i. Auctioneer booked (Marc Rosenberg - Lemonade Shaking Guy from the Orioles games)
 - ii. Backpack flyers advertising parent parties and the auction going out in Friday Folders on January 10
- 5) E-Board and Full PTA Meeting Dates
- a. February meetings will be the 5th (E-board) and the 12th (Full PTA)
 - b. March meetings will be the 4th (E-board) and the 11th (Full PTA)
 - c. April meetings will be the 1st (E-board) and the 7th (Full PTA, moved a day earlier due to school break/Passover)
- 6) January PTA Meeting Agenda
- a. Presentation with Ms. Dittamo and ELL staff, Enrichment Committee Update, LSAT presentation on survey
 - b. Hearst STAR rating to be discussed at another meeting, Jen will be unavailable on January 15