

## **Hearst Community Meeting/PTA Meeting**

**May 28, 2020**

Attendees: 59 Hearst community members were present, including the following Executive Board members – Jen Geoffroy (principal), Christine Galano (outgoing co-president), Kerry Schwed (co-president), Julia Krahe (co-president candidate), Deb Dasgupta (outgoing vice president), Romesh Ratnesar (vice president candidate), Christina Burnett (recording secretary), Beth Principal (corresponding secretary), Kristine Inchausti (bookkeeper), Susan Chun (outgoing treasurer), Adam Frost (treasurer candidate), Anne MacMillan (outgoing room parent coordinator), Eulynn Shiu (room parent coordinator), and Ashley Boyle (teacher representative)

### **Updates from Principal Geoffroy**

1. Student item pick-up date is pending
  - a. Items have been bagged
  - b. Waiting on DCPS for a date
  - c. Likely in the first 2 weeks of June
2. End-of-year activities for students have been posted on Bloomz
3. Summer learning
  - a. Information is slowly being released on DCPS website
  - b. Space is limited
  - c. Bridging activities scheduled in August for transition grades (3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>), details are lacking
4. 2020-2021 School Year starts Monday, August 31
  - a. Unknown what the fall learning process will look like due to COVID-19 precautions
  - b. DCPS surveys and Hearst surveys will be sent out to families in June for input on fall learning
  - c. Status of synchronous learning is unknown
  - d. LSAT focus group will form over the summer once options are known for the fall and how parents plan to deal with proposed changes
  - e. Teachers will be attending professional development for potential distance learning in the fall the weeks of June 8 and June 15.
  - f. Hearst will try to keep siblings together on any in-person learning days at school
  - g. Principal Geoffroy will provide bi-weekly updates during the summer
  - h. Principal Geoffroy noted that there was no coordination amongst the Deal feeder elementary schools on distance learning practices.
  - i. Challenges for the fall including device and internet access, coordination of student schedules with parents' work schedules and sibling education schedules, and differences with how various age groups learn

### **LSAT Updates by Skip Holmes**

1. Overcrowding at Hearst is being addressed
  - a. Trailers will be placed for the 2021-2022 school year
  - b. Current school space is being evaluated over the summer for new classroom space
2. Redistricting process will begin soon
3. LSAT board election
  - a. Vote was held online to confirm the following nominees to the LSAT board:
    - i. Emily Olesh

- ii. Keri Sikich
  - iii. Skip Holmes
  - iv. Liz Stuart
- b. The LSAT board was confirmed with a vote of 43 in favor, 0 against
- c. Board still has an open community member spot, ideal candidate would be from the younger grades

**PTA Updates by Kerry Schwed**

- 1. Auction
  - a. The Auction Committee wrapped up the 2020 Auction activities with a final online auction that was projected to raise over \$2100. In total, the Auction raised approximately \$18,000 for the PTA.
- 2. 2020-2021 School Year PTA Budget
  - a. Comments and questions on the proposed budget were thoroughly addressed by Susan Chun
  - b. Forecast for the next school year indicate that there will be need to dip into the PTA reserves
  - c. The Executive Board and the PTA community will need to review the budget again in the fall when more is known about how the school year will proceed
  - d. Vote was held online to approve the 2020-2021 PTA budget
    - i. The budget was approved with a vote of 39 in favor, 0 against
- 3. PTA Executive Board election
  - a. Vote was held online to confirm the following new nominees to the Executive Board:
    - i. Julia Krahe (co-president candidate)
    - ii. Romesh Ratnesar (vice president candidate)
    - iii. Adam Frost (treasurer candidate)
    - iv. Eulynn Shiu (room parent coordinator candidate)
  - b. The Executive Board officers were confirmed with a vote of 50 in favor, 0 against