

## PTA Executive Board Meeting

October 7, 2020

Attendees: Christina Burnett, Kerry Schwed, Adam Frost, Jen Geoffroy, Elke Chen, Beth Prince, Kristine Inchausti, Julia Krahe, Romesh Ratnesar, Eulynn Shiu, Ashley Boyle,

- Principal/Assistant Principal Updates
  - Uncertainty surrounds the DCPS announcement regarding Term 2 reopening plans
    - May be able to keep AM and PM cohorts
    - The Executive Board expressed support to Hearst leadership to help with preparations for Term 2.
    - Principal Geoffroy will be holding a Town Hall the night of the scheduled PTA meeting
    - Community walk-through for Term 2 reopening will be the week of October 26.
  - Virtual open houses will be held in December and February – dates TBA
  
- PTA Meeting and PTA Budget
  - Vote on the budget must be held either at the PTA meeting or following the meeting
    - Vote needed to approve the purchase of new laptops to replace older laptops being used by new Hearst teachers and partner teachers
    - May need a line item vote for in-person learning needs
  - Town Hall meeting will be followed by an abbreviated PTA meeting
  - Owl Fund update needs to be included with budget discussion
  - Follow-up questions at the end of the PTA meeting should be directed to the co-presidents
  
- Support of Staff, Students and Families
  - Current virtual model is working well at Hearst
  - Advocacy ongoing to support teachers and families during difficult times
    - Ward 3EdNet and Washington Teacher Union communications on public platform fill knowledge gaps of current situation with Term 2 reopening
  
- Hearst Families Survey
  - Eulynn is still processing the data, will send out to the Executive Board when finished. She briefly reviewed the results from 92 responses (out of 250 families)
    - PreK-4 responses were mostly from new families, at least 1 new family responded per grade. Approximately 80 responses were from returning families.
    - Top 3 greatest concerns of Hearst families
      1. Social opportunities
      2. Maintaining academic progress
      3. Social/emotional health of the community
    - Top 3 greatest overall concerns of Hearst families

1. Maintaining academic progress
  2. Providing social opportunities
  3. Family and community health and social/emotional well-being
- Top 3 items for prioritization by PTA
    1. Resources for students/resources for financially insecure families
    2. Resources for financially insecure teachers
    3. Wellness, preparation and PPE for classrooms
  - Information gathered is useful to help promote community and equity
    - Enough funds available from previous fundraising to provide one more round of support to families in need.
    - Would either need to vote to reallocate more funds or call out a need for another separate fundraiser.
  - Volunteer info gathered
    - Most popular volunteer position was veteran families reaching out to new families
- Fundraising
    - School Tool Box fundraiser raised \$1130, which was redirected to purchasing supplies for kids in need
    - Mask gear sale raised \$520, another round of purchases may occur soon
    - Nando's community dine out will be October 22