

## PTA Executive Board Meeting

March 3, 2021

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

- 1) Read-A-Thon
  - a) The tallying of minutes read ends at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Romesh will review the totals on Saturday.
  - b) Donations are accepted until March 15 and the vendor will distribute the funds in two installments.
  - c) Parents of the winners will be asked about their preference on how they will receive the gift certificates (electronic or hard copy).
  - d) Hearst water bottles and wrist bands will be distributed to winning grade/class with help from room parents.
  
- 2) Enrichment
  - a) Three classes across 3 grade bands in the month of March
    - i) Art club
    - ii) Science of bread making
    - iii) Cursive handwriting
  - b) Two-thirds of the classes are full as of March 3.
  - c) PTA will provide guidance for parents/kids on expectations for these classes, Ms. Boyle will help.
  - d) Use of Zoom will be free because Hearst is an educational institution, 45 minute limit will be lifted through June.
    - i) Log-in information will be provided to the instructors to host the meeting.
  
- 3) PTA Budget Updates
  - a) The PTA account currently has approximately \$165,000
  - b) March PTA Meeting will be the first community review of the SY 2021-2022 budget
    - i) There will be no requests from the LSAT for support for the DCPS funding allocation  
(1) First time in several years!
    - ii) Principal Geoffroy will also review the DCPS budget at the March meeting
    - iii) The Executive Board recommends rolling over the SY 2020-2021 budget into the new budget and to make revisions as needed in response to reopening needs
    - iv) Budget will be posted following the March meeting to allow for comments and questions at the April meeting. Final budget vote will be at the May meeting.
  - c) Anticipated reopening expenses
    - i) Principal Geoffroy has already prepared slides that discuss what DCPS is funding for reopening efforts versus what the PTA is able to fund
    - ii) As there are no budgetary requests from LSAT, the funds reserved for supporting the DCPS budget will be redistributed to the budget line for classroom funds to help aid in any reopening costs
    - iii) Tents may be purchased to aid in helping social distancing.
      - (1) Waiting on guidance from DCPS

- (2) There must be dedicated classroom space in the building in the event of adverse weather or poor air quality days
- iv) After-care and enrichment expenses
  - (1) Services will eventually return to the school once DCPS provides guidance
  - (2) Principal Geoffroy will investigate new after-care providers
- d) 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion
  - i) Traditional gift bags to students
  - ii) Yearbooks for all kids
    - (1) 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be asked to donate money towards purchase of extra yearbooks to ensure all kids have one, the PTA fund any outstanding needs
  - iii) Promotion ceremony will be outside, hopefully on the lower soccer field
- 4) Other
  - a) PTA Meeting will be March 17 at 6:30 p.m.
  - b) Grassroots advocacy for DCPS staff vaccines.
  - c) Executive Board meeting was abbreviated due to RCC planning meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. on March 3, 2021.