

PTA Executive Board Meeting

February 3, 2021

- 1) Principal Update
 - a) 1.5 days of in-person learning for Term 3 has occurred.
 - i) Attendance was low because of weather.
 - ii) Most classes full, some offers to students are still going out.
 - iii) Ms. Ashley has returned to serve hot lunches!
 - b) Hearst DCPS budget is currently being developed by the city, will be released by mid-February
 - i) Response by Principal Geoffroy will be due by beginning of March, turn around may be tight.
 - ii) Lots of questions, not a lot of answers yet
 - iii) Enrollment down across the city
 - iv) Teacher: student ratio different from regular school year
 - c) Trailers will be installed this summer

- 2) PTA Budget Updates
 - a) PTA Budget looking OK, have spent very little this year
 - b) Budgeting for next year is difficult without knowing what the learning models will be
 - c) PTA Budget for next year will likely look similar to this year's budget, may need to increase classroom expenditures. Classrooms in trailers will need supplies.
 - d) Last year the PTA provided \$12,000 to Hearst in order to relieve DCPS funds for staffing needs. The Executive Board supports providing the same amount this year if the need arises.
 - e) DCPS Budget process will be reviewed at the PTA meeting

- 3) Community Engagement
 - a) Discussed bringing back a form of "Principal on the Playground" chats after the DCPS Budget process is finished
 - i) Morning and afternoon meetings to allow more parents to engage
 - ii) Questions could be submitted in advance
 - b) Enrichment
 - i) Student Council has asked the PTA to help support virtual enrichment classes for students
 - ii) Potential classes could be held after school, on asynchronous Wednesday learning, or during lunch.
 - iii) Classes suggested included art club, study club, BINGO, lunch bunch, book club, and yoga
 - iv) Will need to call out for volunteers to lead the organization and to lead classes.
 - v) Will conduct a trial in March with 3 classes across 3 grade bands.
 - vi) Will need a virtual platform to hold classes – Zoom or Blackboard

- 4) Read-A-Thon
 - a) Starts Monday, February 8 through read-a-thon.com
 - b) Users can solicit donations from friends and family
 - c) Incentives will include prizes for top readers (by minute) per grade and the top 3 readers overall. Will ask Politics & Prose if they can donate gift certificates, otherwise, the Executive Board will use discretionary funds to purchase gift certificates.

d) Top fundraising class will also receive a prize (Hearst water bottles?) and all winners will have a lunch bunch with Ms. Vandivier.

5) Community Support Committee

a) Numerous volunteers have stepped up

b) Meeting to be scheduled soon to decide on name, frequency of meetings, who to support and how.

6) Events

a) PTA Meeting at 5:00 PM on February 10

b) Ghostline Dine-Out on February 9