

PTA Meeting
January 13, 2021 via Zoom

1. Principal Geoffroy's Report
 - a. Term 3 learning
 - i. 3 CARES classrooms will be open, one for each grade band– PreK4, K-2, and 3-5
 - ii. 1 in-person K class will open
 - iii. 2 CARES+ classrooms will open, which will be a combination of virtual learning and in-person support for ELL and SPED
 - iv. Plan was made based on staff availability
 - v. Principal Geoffroy will provide information on Bloomz
 - b. Socialization opportunities for students
 - i. School and its partners are currently limited in what sponsored at this time due to Covid safety protocols
 - ii. Student Council is gathering ideas from the student body
 - iii. Any activity has to follow DCPS guidance

2. New Teacher Introduction – Sarah Boone
 - a. Special Education teacher for 4th and 5th grade
 - b. Will be teaching in-person in February
 - c. Excited to lead extracurricular activities once they resume following the pandemic

3. PTA Budget and Fundraising
 - a. The largest line item in the PTA budget is classroom supplies, so far we have only spent 15% of this item
 - i. Will need some supplies for the classrooms that are reopening in Term 3, but costs will likely be minimal.
 - b. Fundraising with the Owl Fund did as well as expected this year
 - i. Silver dine-out raised a little over \$100
 - ii. Little Beast dine-out raised ~\$150
 - iii. Potomac Pizza dine-out raised ~\$160
 - iv. Minted raised ~\$250
 - v. CustomInk raised ~\$515 through shirts and extra donations
 - vi. No auction will take place this year, PTA will look into other creative fundraisers to replace.
 - c. Current PTA balance is \$168,000, new laptops have been accounted for. We are in a better place in our budget than expected. Have not dipped into reserve funds yet. Likely will need less than anticipated if it occurs.

- d. No new capital expenses
- e. Planning for budget for SY 2021-2022 will begin in February
- f. Teacher requests for reimbursements are down this year, requests may increase as classes reopen
 - i. DCPS also paid for some of the computer programs the PTA usually purchases
- g. The PTA Executive Board is prepared to provide the same level of financial support this year that the LSAT requested last year.
- h. The first draft of the budget will be reviewed at the March PTA meeting

4. Fundraisers for Families in Need

- a. The last disbursement of funds from previous fundraisers went out before the holidays. Need still exists in our community.
- b. Read-A-Thon will be held in February/March to raise more funds for families in need
 - i. Great inside activity for cold weather
 - ii. Community building that includes our kids
 - iii. Includes family members that live afar or are strictly social distancing
 - iv. Interested volunteers to help organize should email Romesh
- c. Other ideas for fundraisers/community building should be sent to Kerry, Julia, and Romesh
- d. Other virtual fundraisers will come later this spring.

5. Community Support Committee

- a. New committee forming to allow Hearst community to lend educational support more broadly to families in DC
- b. Working name "Hearst Gives Back Task Force"
- c. Interested volunteers should email Julia, volunteer call out on Bloomz
- d. Will be looking at different support models

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Ghostline – February 9
- b. Medium Rare Dining Night – March 11
- c. Potomac Pizza Dining Night – May 10
- d. E-cycle, DCPS facility approval dependent – need volunteers!!