

PTA Meeting
March 17, 2021 via Zoom

1. Principal Geoffroy's Report
 - a. Hearst DCPS budget
 - i. Preliminary budget received in February
 - ii. Principal Geoffroy has reviewed the budget with the LSAT and has submitted a response back to DCPS
 - iii. Budget is not final yet as new funding passed for Covid relief may change budget allocations.
 - iv. Budget was based on a normal "in-person" school year
 - v. More students are anticipated next year
 1. Trailers arriving this summer
 2. More classrooms for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade (3 classes each) to allow for smaller class sizes
 3. 4th grade will have only 2 classes
 4. Extra spaces will go to specialists
 - vi. There are no asks for budgetary support from the PTA.
2. PTA Budget
 - a. Budget for SY 2021-2022 will resemble that of the current year, minus teacher laptop expenses
 - b. Teacher requests for reimbursements are down this year, requests may increase as classes reopen for Term 4
 - c. Will need to budget for supplies for new trailer classrooms and extra supplies for individual student use.
 - d. The first draft of the budget will be reviewed at the April PTA meeting
3. Read-A-Thon Update
 - a. Huge success! Thanks to all who participated.
 - b. 56,965 minutes read and ~\$10,000 raised for Hearst families in need.
 - c. Politics & Prose gift cards were sent to the winning readers.
 - d. May make this an annual event.
4. Enrichment
 - a. Pilot program started with 3 different virtual classes on Wednesdays for 3 different grade bands (PreK-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-5th).
 - b. Classes include art club, bread science class ("Together We Will Rise"), and cursive writing class.

5. HOOT Task Force
 - a. First meeting has been held to discuss addressing equity issues beyond the Hearst community to the greater DCPS family
 - b. A DCPS representative will attend the next meeting to discuss options.
 - c. The committee will then bring ideas to the Hearst PTA

6. E-Cycle
 - a. Need volunteers to help organize – Mark Farrell stepped up to lead the effort.
 - b. Call out will go on Bloomz for advance and day-of volunteers.
 - c. Event is typically a way for the community to recycle electronics/metal and shred documents.
 - d. Community-based event, not really a fundraiser for the school
 - e. Will have to re-imagine some typical activities such as the sports equipment exchange and book and bake sale.

7. Other Items
 - a. Medium Rare Dining Night – 35 orders made, waiting on total raised
 - b. Nando's Dining Night – April 8
 - c. Budget meeting at the April PTA meeting – April 21
 - d. Potomac Pizza Dining Night – May 10
 - e. June Dine-Out – TBD
 - f. PTA Executive Board elections in May