

PTA Executive Board Meeting

April 7, 2021

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

1) PTA Budget

- a) The Executive Board reviewed the budget proposal for SY 21-22
 - i) Changes include keeping Read-a-Thon line item as either a restricted fundraiser or an open fundraiser, depending on status of the SY 21-22 Auction
 - ii) Extra insurance coverage may be needed
 - iii) HOOT Force Fund as part of PTA community outreach
 - (1) Proposed 15% of Owl Fund, benefitting either DCPS Ed fund or PEP
 - (a) Precedent – Lafayette donates 10% of their fundraising to DCPS Ed fund
 - (b) No opt out on Owl Fund. Families can choose to donate to another Hearst fundraiser if they do not want a percentage of their donation to go to the HOOT Force Fund.
 - iv) Kristine will provide numbers for April budget presentation.
 - v) Ms. Brown has informed families receiving support from the Hearst Families in Need fund that there will only be a few more disbursements and then this fund will cease.

2) Foxhall Working Group and DCPS Presentation

- a) A Hearst community meeting to discuss and formulate questions regarding the proposed plans for the Foxhall and MacArthur school sites with Hearst parent representatives will be held via Zoom on April 8 at 7:00. Representatives will discuss how each scenario impacts Hearst.
- b) Representatives from DCPS will present at the April PTA Meeting, starting around 5:30.

3) Reopening Term 4

- a) Teachers may start having lots of reimbursement requests.
 - i) Ms. Boyle sent out a reminder to teachers last week on how to request funds.

4) Community Day (Formerly E-Cycle)

- a) Event will be held May 22 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
 - i) Event committee being led by Mark Farrell and Claire Cinque
 - ii) Will have to follow current DC health guidance and may need to count people present at any given moment.
 - iii) Executive Board discussed proposed activities and approved gear sales and collection of donations for Friendship Place and We Are Family.

5) Room Parents

- a) Eulynn proposed reconfiguring room parents for Term 4 since the dynamics of in-person and virtual learning are greatly changing.
- b) Feedback includes a desire to build community and have activities during virtual time on Wednesdays

6) Enrichment

- i) The Executive Board discussed the potential of having another round of virtual enrichment in Term 4
- ii) Classes would be Wednesdays in the afternoon
- iii) Volunteers needed

7) Executive Board Elections

- a) Kerry Schwed (co-president), Kristine Inchausti (bookkeeper), and Christina Burnett (recording secretary) have reached the end of their terms on the Executive Board
- b) Executive Board members discussed recruitment of potential candidates
- c) Vacancies will be posted on Bloomz in next PTA Corner