

PTA Meeting
April 21, 2021 via Zoom

1. PTA Budget

- a. Adam Frost presented the proposed PTA budget for the 2021-2022 SY
 - i. Reviewed what the PTA did in October 2020 and where the budget stands currently
 - ii. Proposed budget is for \$118,000.
 - iii. Budget has new line item for the HOOT Force Fund (see below)
 - iv. The Executive Board will review the budget to ensure that it has the proper allocation for 6 new classrooms coming in the trailers
- b. The Executive Board has made it clear to teachers that they have funding for supplies
- c. The PTA Community will vote to approve the budget at the May PTA meeting.

2. HOOT Force

- a. The Hearst Optimizing Opportunity Task (HOOT) Force was a PTA committee formed this year to address equity issues beyond the Hearst community to the greater DCPS family as prosperity is not widely shared
- b. Initial focus of the HOOT Force was on ways our community can give back
 - i. Establish a HOOT Force Fund through allocating a portion of the Owl Fund.
 - ii. Giving back through other events such as Toys for Tots drive, Read-a-Thon, etc.
 - iii. Helping establish structural changes in DCPS community to ensure equity
- c. Line item proposal for the PTA budget calls for an allocation of 15% of the Owl Fund starting with the Fall 2021 fund drive (Lafayette E.S. does 10% of all funds raised).
 - i. Will not use funds previously raised
 - ii. Funding allocation would be easily and cleanly done in this manner.
- d. Funds would go to either:
 - i. Parent Empowerment Program (PEP), the Washington Lawyers Committee Project (recommended); or
 - ii. DC Public Education Fund, a philanthropic partner of DCPS (where Lafayette E.S. donates)
- e. The May budget vote will include this new line item

3. PTA Executive Board Elections

- a. The positions of Co-President, Recording Secretary, and Bookkeeper are being vacated at the end of the school year. Candidates are needed.
 - b. Elections will be held at the May PTA meeting.
4. Foxhall and MacArthur School Sites Presentation by DCPS
- a. DCPS representatives Claudia Lujan, Bijan Verlin, and Sarah Parker gave a presentation of the Foxhall and MacArthur Schools Community Work Group on the options for use of these DCPS sites and how they will impact Hearst and the Wilson High School feeder system.
 - b. Foxhall site will open for SY 2024-2025 as an elementary school – no impact on Hearst
 - c. MacArthur site will open for SY 2023-2024 – use to be determined
 - d. Options for the MacArthur site include:
 - i. New high school
 1. New high school would be put into the current Hardy MS space and Hardy MS would move to the MacArthur site
 2. Does not help with Deal overcrowding, but helps with Wilson overcrowding
 3. Easiest to implement
 - ii. New middle school
 1. New middle school would go into MacArthur space
 2. Would shift two elementary schools in Deal feeder into Hardy
 3. Exacerbates Wilson overcrowding
 - iii. 9th Grade academy
 1. Alleviates some of the overcrowding at Wilson, does nothing to help the overcrowding at Deal.
 - e. Internal survey of Hearst parents found that 96% of the respondents favored a new high school
 - f. DCPS survey on preferences will be going live on April 22.