

**PTA Meeting**  
**May 12, 2021 via Zoom**

Attendees: 30 Hearst community members were present, including the following Executive Board members - Jen Geoffroy (principal), Kerry Schwed (outgoing co-president), Julia Krahe (co-president), Claire Cinque (co-president candidate), Romesh Ratnesar (vice president), Christina Burnett (outgoing recording secretary), Tulin Ozdeger (recording secretary candidate), Beth Principal (corresponding secretary), Kristine Inchausti (outgoing bookkeeper), Andrew Paciorek (bookkeeper candidate), Adam Frost (treasurer), and Eulynn Shiu (room parent coordinator)

1. Principal Geoffroy's Report

a. Term 4 progress

- i. Term 4 is going very well, with approximately 75% of the student body back in person
- ii. Mayor announced many restrictions in the city will be lifted on May 21; however, DC Health and DCPS still has to review the current COVID-19 levels before capacity limits in the school can be changed.
- iii. No outside PE will be held this school year.

b. Fall 2021

- i. No guidance available yet from DCPS regarding the ability to offer aftercare in the fall
- ii. Principal Geoffroy is in the process of vetting new vendors
  1. Will present recommendations to the PTA Executive Board prior to the end of the school year for their input.
  2. Enrichment offerings will have to wait until DCPS guidance is received. Potentially will be incorporated into aftercare.
- iii. School schedule will be 5 full in person days/week.

2. LSAT Election Presentation by Emily Olesh

- a. The Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) is a group of parents and staff that advises the principal on decisions regarding the school's budget allocation from DCPS, staffing needs, and long-term community goals and needs.
- b. Committee is comprised of 4 elected parent positions, 4 staff elected positions, a DC Teachers Union representative, and 1-2 community members
- c. Introduction of candidates for the parent LSAT representatives.
  - i. Vote was held online to select 4 of the following nominees:
    1. Josh Beraha
    2. Kate Bowers
    3. Kim Zaikov Cooper

4. Jonathan Topping
      5. Chris Tracy
    - ii. The 4 candidates with the most votes were Josh Beraha, Kate Bowers, Kim Zaikov Cooper, and Jonathan Topping.
    - iii. There is an open community member spot which will be selected by the LSAT.
3. Executive Board Election Presentation by Julia Krahe
  - a. Julia recognized and thanked the outgoing board members: Kerry Schwed, Christina Burnett, and Kristine Inchausti
  - b. Vote was held online to confirm the following new nominees to the Executive Board:
    - i. Claire Cinque (co-present candidate)
    - ii. Tulin Ozdeger (recording secretary candidate)
    - iii. Andrew Paciorek (bookkeeper candidate)
  - c. The Executive Board officers were confirmed with a vote of 63 in favor, 3 against, and 1 abstained.
4. 2021-2022 School Year PTA Budget by Adam Frost and Julia Krahe
  - a. Adam highlighted the changes made to the draft budget since the March and April meetings.
    - i. Reintroduction of gear purchase line item in expenses
    - ii. HOOT Force Pledge line item in income
      1. 15% of Owl Fund fundraiser
  - b. Adam also assured the community that the PTA has budgeted for the new classrooms that will open in the fall.
  - c. Adam reviewed the use of Executive Board funds.
  - d. Follow-up questions from the community were addressed
  - e. Vote was held online to approve the 2021-2022 PTA budget.
    - i. The budget was approved with a vote of 49 in favor, 3 against, and 1 abstained.
5. Foxhall MacArthur School Site Update
  - a. Parent representatives of the Working Group gave a quick status update on where in the process the recommendations going to DCPS were. The expectation is that the recommendation will be submitted in mid-June and a decision by DCPS will come in early to mid-summer 2021.
  - b. Potential outcome is either a new middle school, a new high school, or a 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy at the MacArthur site or the current Hardy MS that would help alleviate overcrowding at either Deal MS or Wilson HS, but not both.

## 6. Community Events

- a. Last community dine-out of the school year – Potomac Pizza on May 20.
- b. Community Day – May 22
  - i. Event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
  - ii. No electronics recycling this year.
  - iii. Sign-up Genius will be posted for volunteers
  - iv. Activities will include collection of donations for We Are Family and City Wildlife, sports equipment swap, bike swap, and diaper donations for the DC Diaper Bank, gear sales, entrepreneurial tables for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and an art show.