



HVES
PTA GENERAL MEETING
DRAFT NOTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
7:15 pm

1. Welcome Siobhan Carroll, PTA President
 - Siobhan called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

2. Meeting Minutes Taylor Stager
 - The PTA voted to approve the minutes from the fall PTA meetings.

3. Nominating Committee PTA Board
 - Taylor explained that in accordance with the Bylaws, a Nominating Committee is required to nominate a slate of officers for the next year.
 - The Executive Board selects a committee that includes at least three members. Taylor and Siobhan asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee.
 - Maura Suilebhan, Lyle Turner, and Joanna Warden volunteered. Taylor will solicit additional volunteers on the listserv in case someone is interested who was not present at the meeting.

4. Membership Stacey Ricci, Membership Chair
 - Stacey Ricci reported that membership forms sent home in Thursday folders yielded an additional 20 members, bring the total number of PTA members to 197. The PTA's goal this school year was 250 members.
 - The PTA had approximately 250 members last year, and approximately 200 members the year before.

5. myMCPS Portal Overview Galit Zolkower
 - Mrs. Zolkower reported that MyMCPS was new for elementary school this year. Teachers have been learning the new report card, as well as learning to keep an updated electronic gradebook. In the fourth quarter, HVES teachers will begin to use the electronic classroom function in MyMCPS. The staggered rollout of functionality throughout the year has given teachers time to learn the system and how to use it.
 - Jackie Martens demonstrated some of the system's functionality for parents, using her own parent login information for her children.
 - You can visit MyMCPS portal at portal.mcpsmd.org.
 - Parents set up one single account, which is capable of managing multiple children's information. Each child has a specific access code that parents enter in order to connect that child's information to the parent's account.
 - Parents will have a live view of the report card through the marking period. Parents will be able to see what their grade child is currently receiving, based on an average of assignments scored to date for each measurement topic. The

portal includes the same legend that is found on the back of the report card to explain grades to parents.

- Parents can also view a child's attendance history. Parents of fifth-grade students will see a link to the child's middle school. The portal includes additional resources such as lesson plans and parent guides.

6. Budget

Faith Lewis, Treasurer

- Faith presented an overview of the budget. She reported that many fundraisers brought in slightly less money than budgeted, while many events have cost slightly more than expected. She reviewed current spending and earnings for each budget line item.
- Siobhan commented that the upcoming silent auction will be especially critical to raise funds given the under-performance of other fundraisers. Siobhan stated that it will be critical to have as many people as possible solicit donations in our community. Many organizations are happy to donate, but it just takes an hour or two of someone's time to volunteer. Siobhan requested that people volunteer to solicit donations or make a donation of a purchased item, which is tax deductible.
- Other major fundraisers include Art to Remember, which brought in less money than in past years, and restaurant dine outs. To date this school year, the PTA has only hosted one dine out, at El Golfo. An 80s-90s dance party at McGinty's will take place on February 24, and a dine out at Not Your Average Joes is in the works. Other restaurants that had reached out to the PTA regarding dine outs have been non-responsive to follow up for scheduling.

7. CIP / Board of Education

Ashley Franzel, G&T Liaison

- Siobhan reported that The County Council is considering a budget that would allocate less funding than the Superintendent has requested for schools, including school facilities needs. Parents should contact your county council member to let them know how critical funding for schools is.
- Mayra Griggs reported that the Site Selection Committee for a new elementary school had completed its work and recommended a site close to Forest Glen Hospital for a new elementary school to be constructed to serve the Downcounty Consortium. If the elementary school is built, DCC elementary schools would be zoned to accommodate the new school.

8. Heart Healthy Dance & Bake Sale

Emily Prugar, Coordinator

- The Heart Healthy Dance will take place on Friday, February 9. It will include a bake sale, a DJ, and a light display designed by a HVES parent.

9. Valentine's Day Parties

Larrissa Strout, Room Parent Cord.

- Classroom Valentine's Day parties will take place on Wednesday, February 14, at 2:45 pm. Parents can begin setting up at 2:15 pm.

10. 80s/90s Dance Party

Siobhan Carroll

- The PTA is hosting an adults-only 80s-90s Dance Party at McGinty's on Saturday, February 24, at 9 pm. A portion of the proceeds from bar sales will be given to the PTA. Get your outfits ready and invite all your friends.

11. Geography Bowl

Larrissa Strout & Andrew Moffatt

- Geo Bowl activities are underway. Lunchtime study groups have been popular and successful in helping students complete their packets and prepare for the qualifying quiz.
- Lunch bunches to study will take place on February 16, February 23, and March 1.
- Geo Bowl will take place from 2:30-3:30 pm on March 6 (5th grade), March 7 (4th grade), and March 8 (3rd grade).

12. Science Night

Jana Rhone & Stacey Ricci

- Science Night will take place on March 22. Jana Rhone, Stacey Ricci, and other volunteers are organizing the event.
- Emphasis is on fifth grade participation, but students from all grades are welcome to participate. Organizers will meet with fifth graders to explain the assignment on March 7 and March 15.

13. Parent vs. Teacher Basketball Game

Brett Forville, Coordinator

- Faith reported that the annual HVES Parents vs. Teachers Basketball game is approaching.
- The parent team needs players, particularly women. Practices are Mondays at 8 pm at Glen Haven Elementary. Parents must come to two practices to play.
- A listserv message will go out with more information.

14. Volunteers Needed

Siobhan Carroll & Larrissa Strout

- Read-a-Thon - HVES will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss by participating in Read Across America. Parent volunteers are needed on March 9, 16, and 23.
- Spring Auction – Siobhan requested parent volunteer to solicit or provide donations for the Silent Auction. (Note: This was also covered during the budget discussion.)
- Earth Day -- Earth Day is April 22. Ms. Zolkower is searching for a parent to do a presentation at a school assembly –ideally someone who works on environmental issues in some way. This year’s school Earth Day project will be planting to help beautify the school grounds.
- Math Olympiad – Ms. Zolkower reported that she has found a volunteer to coach HVES students in the Math Olympiad.

15. Other Business

- On March 23, there will be a Jazz Band concert.
- Spirit Wear will be on sale this spring. Forms will go out after Spring Break, and parents may also order items online as well.
- The school’s annual open house will take place on February 21. Ms. Zolkower asked parents to encourage neighbors who plan to send children to HVES next year to attend. Open house attendance figures are helpful in beginning to project staff and resource needs for the upcoming school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Heart Healthy Dance & Bake Sale, February 9th
 Classroom Valentine’s Parties, February 14th
 80s/90s Dance Party, February 24th
 Geography Bowl Competition, March 6,7 & 8th

Read-a-Thon, month of March

SUCCESSFUL HVES EVENTS

Staff Appreciation Dinner November 2017

Holiday Bazaar December 2017

Geography Bowl Kickoff grades 3-5

**Remember to record your volunteer hours
in the office or on the PTA website! www.hves.my-pta.org**