



HVES PTA
GENERAL MEETING NOTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
HVES MEDIA CENTER

Meeting called to order at 7:17

1. **Welcome & Introductions: Taylor Stager, PTA President**
2. **Principals Report: Galit Zolkower, Principal**
 - Ms. Zolkower thanked the team and parents for Fall Festival.
 - Community members have asked about recent incidents in the community. (See recent news [here](#) and [here](#)). There is a new security specialist Neil Owens assigned to the area. If kids are outside, the security specialist has informed the school that it is safe. He has helped with drills. He was the head of security at a local high school.
 - There will be updates on county-wide field trip policies involving parents chaperoning on field trips going beyond the school day (overnight or beyond school hours). Parents will be fingerprinted and go through background checks.
 - Taylor called for additional assistance on communications.
3. **Budget: Jenny Blasdell, PTA Treasurer**
 - Jenny reported on the financial numbers. At the moment, we are \$4,475.69 over budget. We earned \$163 dollars on restaurant night at Matchbox. Chipotle on 11/18 is the next one.
4. **Advocacy: Ashley Franzel/MCCPTA Delegates**
 - 10/25 – The MCPS Capital Improvement Plan was released
 - 11/7- BOE CIP Hearing @ 6pm- DCC Cluster Coordinators testify at BOE CIP hearing. Highland View parents will testify as well.
 - The Board of Education will hold work sessions on the CIP on Monday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m., and Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.
 - The adoption of the proposed CIP is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26.
 - Northwood construction meeting Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., at Northwood. Northwood construction
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/construction/project/northwoodhs.aspx>
 - SSIMS construction plans
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/construction/project/ssims.aspx>

- HVES addition planning is scheduled to start this spring (2020)
- For Highland View, the HVAC is scheduled for replacement next summer (2020)
- There are long-term water diversion/ field drainage issues that should be in CIP
- 5th grade portables need to be replaced. They were over 20 years old when they were rehabbed a few years ago.
- SSIMS and Northwood additions need to be kept on schedule. Students at HVES now are the ones who will be impacted by these renovations. Both schools are already overcrowded and in desperate need of renovation and rebuilding.
- Woodward HS Community Survey- everyone needs to fill it out. The reopening is part of the solution to DCC overcrowding.
- Formation of a beautification committee: Brian D has raised issues about beautification. HVES used to have a beautification committee. He is interested in getting it relaunched officially. The PTA can look at the MCPTA to see if there are committees to address this. In addition, Brian will help form a committee within the school of parent volunteers. **Galit stressed that it must involve the administration of the school.**

5. **Action for Healthy Kids: Lora Elinoff, PTA Vice President**

- The Holiday Bazaar will be the next General Meeting. It's a community-donated gift event, where kids can get free gifts for parents and loved ones. The PTA will ask for parent contributions.

6. **Stress Mindset Workshop: Kate Gunthert, HVES parent/AU**

- Kate is the Director of the Stress and Emotion Lab at American University.
- She discussed recent research about stress.
- Is stress the enemy? New research suggests this might not be the most helpful mindset.
- Stress can have positive effects too. It can enhance performance and motivation, as well as memory. The stress response can be used as a benefit. The interpretation is powerful.
- Stress is part of a meaningful life. It's not that all stress is good, but the narrative has gone too far in one direction.
- Recommended Reading: *The Upside of Stress*, by Kelly McGonigal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teacher Dinner

Monday, November 11th

Art to Remember

Thursday, November 14th

Chipotle Dining Out

Monday, November 18th

PTA Planning Meeting

Tuesday, November 19th

Holiday Bazaar

Tuesday, December 10th

SUCCESSFUL HVES EVENTS:

Fall Festival - Action for Healthy Kids & Cultural Arts

COMMITTEE NEEDS:

1. Action for Healthy Kids
2. Membership
3. Communication
4. Amharic Translation
5. Spring Carnival
6. Bake Sales
7. International Night
8. Spring Auction

Are you staying connected via the PTA Community Listserv?

Please contact Lyle Tuner at admin@hves-pta.org

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