



HVES PTA SUMMER MEETING NOTES

Sunday, August 19, 2018
4:00 pm

1. Welcome Siobhan Carroll, PTA President
 - Siobhan called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Principal's Update Galit Zolkower, Principal
 - It has been a busy summer at HVES.
 - HVES students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch participated in a new summer program at Pine Crest ES that enabled them to enjoy a variety of learning and enrichment opportunities. Several HVES teachers supported the program. MCPS will monitor these students' academic performance to determine whether these summer learning opportunities enabled the students to maintain academic gains from the prior school year rather than regressing academically during the summer months.
 - Roofers will finish the bulk of the work this weekend; there have been some delays due to the extensive rains this summer.
 - The construction caused damage to the sod along the walkway to the fifth grade portables; this will be repaired before sneak peek, with possible repairs to the walkway at a later date.
 - The work on the room formerly known as the dirt room is complete. The room has a floor and lighting. Mrs. Zolkower and the staff are determining how to use it and are considering using it for instrumental music lessons. Mrs. Zolkower may ask the Student Government Association to run a contest to rename it.
 - There have been quite a few staff changes. The new hires are a nice mix of brand new teachers (one second grade teacher and one third grade teacher) and experienced MCPS teachers.
 - There will be five kindergarten classes this year, with approximately 80 students total. The county had projected 66 students, so kindergarten enrollment is higher than expected. Ms. Hudren will be teaching the fifth kindergarten class this year, in the classroom she was teaching in last year.
 - A second grade teacher will be using the room that Ms. Field previously occupied. The math specialist will use a classroom in the portables, and the instrumental music teacher will move to a classroom in the main building.

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- Kindergarteners will be in four classrooms during the first week of school, rotating with different teachers. Ms. Hudren will support all four classrooms during the first week.
- The number of classes are as follows:
 - 4 first grade
 - 4 second grade
 - 3 third grade
 - 3 fourth grade
 - 3 fifth grade
- Mrs. Zolkower met with police officials in late spring to discuss communication regarding safety incidents near the school. The police agreed to communicate when incidents occur near the school, even if the incidents are not on school property. Additional lighting will be installed on the field prior to the start of the school year. Mrs. Zolkower has requested that the foliage on the upper playground be cut back and is following up on the request with the county. MCPS will be doing construction projects to re-construct vestibules to be more secure by routing entry through the office area rather than allowing entry directly into the school.

3. Calendar Review

Siobhan Carroll

- The full year PTA calendar is attached to these meeting notes. Below are notes regarding some of the major changes.
- Kindergarten parents: If you didn't receive a notice from the school about the Kindergarten tour on August 24, contact HVES via phone or email to learn how to log on to My MCPS and provide your contact info.
- The membership form will include the new Cheddar Up link.
- Planning and general meetings will begin at 7:15 this year.
- This year HVES will have a fall festival rather than a Halloween party. More than 20 percent of the school opted out of last year's Halloween festivities.
- This year each bake sale will have a coordinator, rather than there being one bake sale coordinator. **We still need an Election Day bake sale coordinator.** This bake sale should begin early, prior to the opening of polls at 7 am.
- This year Art to Remember products will not be delivered before Chanukah, which begins in early December.
- The PTA will again manage the food donations for international night.
- The Silent Auction will be in March rather than May this year.
- We need to come up with a spring event to replace the parent-teacher basketball game and welcome any parents who wish to work on this event.
- Carnival will be inside again this year.

4. Volunteer Needs

Siobhan Carroll

- Siobhan sent out a survey earlier this summer to current volunteers regarding parents' interest in volunteering.

5. Pax Good Behavior Game

Galit Zolkower

- HVES classrooms will implement the PAX Good Behavior Game this year.

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- HVES will need to purchase kits that cost several hundred dollars each for teachers.

6. Grantwriters Needed

Galit Zolkower

- The school would like to apply for grants but needs skilled grantwriters to assist with applications. Parents with grantwriting experience who can help should contact Mrs. Zolkower.

7. Technology

Lyle Turner

- Lyle discussed the possibility of using Chromebooks to collect parent email addresses for class email lists at Back to School Night. Lyle will follow up with Larrissa Strout regarding this possibility.

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