



HVES PTA
PLANNING MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
HVES MEDIA CENTER

1. Principal's Report Ms. Zolkower, Principal
 - School will still end on June 15 despite recent snow days; however, June 5 is now a regular school day instead of a professional day. The school admin team will be relocated over the summer due to construction projects at HVES.
 - HVES is still waiting on the cost estimate for the tribute to Mr. Hill. The tribute will include a meditative spot with a large flat boulder in front of the school, near where the picnic table is located now. This may cost several thousand dollars. The school will raise funds once a cost is known.
 - GeoBowl was a success. Thank you to the PTA.
 - The county has provided initial staffing allocations for next year. HVES is not losing any classroom positions. The only loss is half of a position of intervention-focused staffing, which has been removed across the board in the county. HVES received a half-time allocation for special education.
 - The fifth grade standardized science test is next week.
 - Ms. Burney is planning Career Day on April 3 for fourth and fifth grades. The county is emphasizing that are a variety of different ways to be career- and college-ready, so HVES is seeking participants with a variety of professional specialties and educational backgrounds.
 - The lunch team is awarding the golden spoon to a table from each grade level every day at lunch to recognize good behavior at lunch. The classes who get the most golden spoons each week are eligible for fine dining, which entails dining with a tablecloth and flowers on Monday. This has been in place for a few weeks and is a huge hit.

2. Budget Faith Lewis, Treasurer
 - Faith reviewed the budget. The PTA is doing better than expected with fundraising to date. However, the potential exists for the trend to change.

3. Membership Report Jennifer Goodridge & Hsimei Huang
 - The PTA is up to 179 memberships. Hsimei will include an envelope the next time she sends the form in Thursday folders. Sending envelopes has increased the response rate for PTA requests in the past.

4. Nominating Committee Taylor Stager
 - Taylor will work to identify nominating committee members.

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

5. Nutrition & Physical Activity Grant Jason Patnosh
 - Jason described the opportunity to apply for a grant to promote health and nutrition at HVES from a group called Action for Healthy Kids, which is connected to Aldi. Jason will follow up with Ms. Zolkower to determine whether MCPS endorses the grant opportunity and submit an application, if so.
6. International Night Larrissa Strout & Ashley Franzel
 - International Night is on Thursday. Additional parent volunteers are needed to help serve food and clean up.
7. Science Night Jana Rhone
 - Science Night is on March 21. The PTA could use more parents to volunteer the evening of the event.
8. Auction Larrissa Strout
 - People will write 1-2 sentence description for each item that they solicited, if possible. Minimum bids for donated services are acceptable. There will be a flier for Thursday folders at the end of the month.
9. Staff Appreciation Week Lora Elinoff & Emily Prugar
 - The budget for this year's staff appreciation week is \$1,500. Staff appreciation week is May 6-10. The group brainstormed options for activities and gifts for teachers.
10. Carnival Maura Suilebhan & Jill Siegelbaum
 - Carnival is May 18. We will plan to hold the carnival outdoors and for a cake raffle again this year.
11. Fifth Grade Activities & Funding Larrissa Strout
 - The PTA has budgeted \$1,750 for the fifth grade field trip. Faith proposed that next year the PTA send a letter explaining all the fifth grade events and costs and offering different payment options. Galit offered to send a message via Connect Ed regarding the deadline for fifth grade t-shirt orders.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

International Night	Thursday, March 14th
Science Night	Thursday, March 21st
Online Auction	April 7- April 12th

Are you staying connected via the PTA Community Listserv?
Please contact Lyle Tuner at admin@hves-pta.org
Are you a member of the PTA?
Please visit www.hves.my-pta.org to join!

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