



HVES PTA
PLANNING MEETING NOTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
HVES MEDIA CENTER

Meeting called to order at 7:20 by Lora Elinoff

Welcome & Introductions: Lora Elinoff, PTA Vice President

Advocacy: Laura Ressler & Ashley Franzel

- o Highland View is in the Northwood Cluster. There is a meeting coming up on **October 29th** to talk about issues across the Cluster. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) improvement plan due out Oct. 25th. CIP for Highland View would be to address the field and a budget action. This may also include an upgrade to the playground.
- o Sign up to testify before the Board of Education (BOE) on 10/29
- o HVES addition planning is scheduled to start this spring (2020)
- o HVAC is scheduled for replacement next summer (2020)
- o Long-term water diversion/ field drainage should be in CIP
- o 5th grade portables need to be replaced. They were over 20 years old when they were rehabbed a few years ago. They were not replaced because of a lack of access. There is now access, so they should be replaced. Same argument Ms. Smondrowski on the BOE made three years ago regarding the amount MCPS spends on old portables.
- o 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.
- o Woodward HS Community Survey- everyone needs to fill it out. The reopening is part of the solution to DCC overcrowding.
- o In the CIP planning, there was a suggestion for an addition to Highland View and HVAC improvements. Ashley stressed that even when something is in the budget, you still must advocate for your funding.
- o Laura Ressler and Greg Tucker are delegates this year. There are more than 40 committees on the Montgomery County PTA. We need a special education chair.

Budget/Audit Report: PTA Board: Caroline Broder

- o Our current balance is \$14,943.17
- o We've collected \$1,114.45 in membership dues.

- o Dues have been paid to state and county PTAs.
- o Ghar-e-kabab was a suggestion by Ms. Zolkower for restaurant night.

Bylaws Update: Caroline Broder, PTA Secretary

- o We have received our Bylaws to update from the MPTA
- o Suggestion to speak with previous PTA leadership for any thoughts. As an example, the number of days for notification of a meeting can become an issue if the President is absent. In addition, the previous bylaws can be a guide.

Membership: Hsemei Huang, PTA Membership

- o We are at 140 PTA members. 200 members is the goal.

Principal's Report: Galit Zolkower

- o Curriculum night is **Thursday, Oct. 17**. It will be a deep dive into the new literacy curriculum. Spanish and Amharic interpreters will be available.
- o At Fall Festival, there will be various stations (races, decorating bags for Meals on Wheels), making scarecrows.
- o There is an apple tasting and graphing event in the works. Students would taste each apple and graph their favorites. Apples are needed. **Parents are needed to run the activities**, with about 6-7 volunteers each hour.
- o The biggest need is to help set up the apple tasting event.

Sunshine Committee: Lora Elinoff, PTA Vice President

- o Ingrid gave an update that we will be doing a one-time donation for the Sunshine Committee to pay for staff appreciation dinner, adopted staff gifts, and teacher appreciation week. We are **not** doing group collections for holidays, end of school year, etc. Room parents are not collecting for home room parent gifts. This will be left to the discretion of individual parents.

Action for Healthy Kids - Fall Festival: Lora Elinoff, PTA Vice President

- o LeSole Dance Project will perform on 10/31 after the Fall Festival, which was detailed above by Ms. Zolkower.

New Business/Misc.

- o Art to Remember will go home in folders this week.
- o Kate Gunthert will do a workshop on the stress mindset during the next PTA meeting on Nov. 5th.
- o There will be a forum at Northwood on Saturday morning, 10/19, on safe school routes. Grant will be a point person.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Festival & Cultural Arts
 General Meeting
 Art to Remember

Thursday, October 31st
 Tuesday, November 5th
 Thursday, November 14th

SUCCESSFUL HVES EVENTS:

Walk to School Day

Volunteer & Homeroom Parent Training

Matchbox Dining Out

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

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