



HVES PTA NOTES  
PLANNING MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
HVES MEDIA CENTER

Meeting called to order at 7:15

1. **Welcome/Introductions: Taylor Stager, PTA President**
2. **Rebecca Irwin Kennedy, Assistant Principal:**
  - Thanked parents and PTA for the staff dinner.
  - The tech committee is preparing a workshop for Feb. 4 PTA General Meeting.
  - The bookfair will be Dec. 9-12, hours 10-4. Dec. 10, open until 8.
3. **Budget: Jenny Blasdell, Treasurer**
  - There will be adjustments on expenses for paypal fees.
  - Please submit expenses for staff dinner if you have them.
  - The PTA does not reimburse for 5<sup>th</sup> grade snacks.
  - Last night's fundraiser at Chipotle raised approximately \$342 dollars. We've bought in about \$486 in restaurant nights so far this year.
  - Matchbox has been slow in delivering on payment.
  - Our taxes have been filed with the Maryland PTA
4. **Membership/Member Hub: Hsimei Huang, Membership**
  - Maryland PTA is requiring all members to transition to Member Hub, which is a member-management system. This transition must be done by June.
  - Eventually MCCPTA will start emailing those on the list.
  - About 15 percent of PTAs have switched to the new system.
5. **Bylaws: Caroline Broder, Secretary**
  - Caroline described the decision points for the PTA bylaws update. There were no motions to amend the bylaws. The community will be notified of this and bylaws will be voted on at a general membership meeting.
6. **Advocacy: HVES Delegates**
  - The next step in the CIP process is for the board to post the decisions. County Council will then vote to support the CIP.
  - Tom Hucker's office is looking into issues with nearby buildings.
  - Highland View is looking for a special education chair as a delegate. This has been beneficial at other schools.

- There is an emergency delegate meeting on gun violence. The [MCCPTA committee on School Climate and Safety](#) has crafted an evidence-based resolution urging MCPS to implement specific best practices to protect our students from gun violence.

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

- Apple tasting was done at Fall Festival. Honeycrisp was the winner.
- Will have healthy snacks available at Holiday event, the Heart Healthy Dance, etc.

**8. Future Restaurant Nights: Jenny Blasdel, Treasurer**

- McGinty's: Will look at a possible dinner/event there
- Jenny will look into Golf Ultra Lounge for December

**Other business:**

- Lora attended the Northwood High School construction meeting and provided updates about some of the plans discussed. Pedestrian access was discussed.
- Brian Dooda is compiling lists of homeowners associations.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Holiday Bazaar: Tuesday, December 10th

Art to Remember: Orders due November 26<sup>th</sup>

GeoBowl: Activity for 3rd, 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. To be held March 11-13th. This year's competition will focus on the United States, Canada and Mexico. A packet goes home, and parents help work with kids to complete the packets. Then there is an in-school competition for a spot on a plaque.

SUCCESSFUL HVES EVENTS:

Board of Education testimony

Staff dinner during Parent-teacher conferences

Chipotle Dining Out

COMMITTEE NEEDS:

1. Membership
2. Communication
3. Amharic Translation
4. Spring Carnival
5. International Night
6. Spring Auction

Are you staying connected via the PTA Community Listserv?

Please contact Lyle Tuner at [admin@hves-pta.org](mailto:admin@hves-pta.org)

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