

**Hyattsville Elementary School PTA
General Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018, 6:30 pm - HES Media Center**

Guests:

Catherine Bennett-Nwosu running for Board of Education in District 3

Representative from Alonzo Washington's office

Representative from PG Parks & Rec

Ms. Bey spoke about STEM support days that are available—Tuesdays & Thursdays (2:15-3:15) for kids who need extra help with projects. Four teachers are helping and Ms. Bey is looking for add'l parent support.

Also, extra help for students who need to work on their basic math skills.

Parents can also help with the AA History Month read-in—contact Ms. Page to sign up.

Ms. Conrad needs volunteers in the music program.

Ms. Bey addressed whether kids can wear overcoats in classrooms if room temps are cold—yes, they can.

HES is a PBIS school. Jennifer Stanton is the PBIS coordinator and has a committee as well. Goal is to encourage positive behavior, on-time attendance. Kids earn paw prints for coming to school on time, exhibiting HES core values, etc. If they earn 25 paw prints, they can claim a PBIS reward. Last Friday was a PBIS Fun Day in the HES gym. Discussion about how to handle kids who are out sick for long stretches and aren't able to earn enough Paw prints to participate.

Reminder to collect boxtops for HES—PTA can post reminder on Facebook page.

Park night is Tuesday, Feb. 20 (standardized testing), 6pm—for 3rd graders—test starts after spring break

Yearbooks will be available this year—\$25

Chantal Ross from LINK language school spoke about the services she offers—after-school foreign-language classes in French and Spanish, summer camps in Spanish, French and Portuguese. Chantal is open to any partnerships with HES.

Marquisha addressed events sponsored by the PTA—more and more events mean we always need more volunteers! All skill sets welcome.

Class with most participants in ice skating day will get a snow cone party.

Coffee chat at Vigilante was a few weeks ago. Approximately 13 attendees with many more following up after. An HES open house was promised as an outgrowth of this—it is set for Monday, March 12, 8-9am. Meet Ms. Bey and tour the school.

For movie night (March 16) kids will vote on three movies. Kevin needs one more volunteer.

Hyattsville parade—Saturday, April 14. HES is doing a float.

Any feedback on the first issue of the PTA newsletter?

Budget update—we're in good shape.

Dan Muth spoke about HERE (Hyattsville Elementary Relocation Effort). Not an official HES PTA effort but members of the PTA are involved. Dan is meeting with Rushern Baker, Wesley Watt, Betty Francis and others tomorrow about the relocation effort. A petition with 400+ signatures is circulating.

Update on school enhancement projects:

Gym has been freshly painted

Survey is going out soon

Murals on Jefferson Street—still a priority? YES. Ms. Booker is too busy to take this on, so Leigh Higgins and Justine Christianson volunteered to lead this effort.

2018-2020 Nomination Committee: in good shape, many have expressed interest in serving on PTA Board, still looking for a treasurer candidate.

We have a new lion logo—new swag to come.

There is a new crossing sign/light at 43rd & Jefferson w. solar light—thank you to the mayor, Council members Ward and Lawrence and DPW Director Leslie Riddle.

Jeanne Washburn (former HES principal) spoke about whether HES would partner with a school in Puerto Rico and send them a solar panel (\$250).