

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

- Introductions – led by Marquisha
- Message from HES: Updates from Principal Bey
  - Update about what's happening at HES – central office here today supporting around instruction – county goal to decrease the number of below grade level students in reading and math – we're getting guidance on focusing on math. Guided reading is to help support teachers meet students where they are with regards to reading.
  - We (HES) were selected to receive a grant to help retain teachers – teachers will be offered training and other incentives to stay at HES and within the county – working with the union to make sure teachers are getting what they need to feel valued. 40 schools were selected not sure of the school – they'll be meeting the grant givers including PTA President and a community member. Program also focuses on which teachers can become leaders.
  - Next year's budget – Ms. Bey will have a meeting next week with her staff and will also be sharing the plan for the budget at a coffee chat. This year one of the para-profs became a pre-k teacher so was no longer available to provide Response to Intervention and other support to teachers. We also need a math leader. Support for Ms. Brock and Ms. Page. Also full time support in the office. Math interventions. Also looking at how we can support teachers with more planning time – making the budget work to help with that. We get a reading specialist (Ms. Page) because we're in the fabulous 25. We won't be losing our full time art or media teachers next year.
    - At next Friday's coffee chat (March 16<sup>th</sup>) 8am Ms. Bey will be going over the budget – Ms bey will also be sending out a parent survey
  - Message from HES: Ms. Roy discussed the PBIS incentive re-imburement
- Update on HERE (Hyattsville Elementary Relocation Effort) - Dan Muth – there is a growing sentiment that the WSSC development would not be beneficial to the community. We feel it's in our best interest to stop the development so that this space will be available for potential location for a new school. We've met with county leadership and the opinion that this space should be available is based on those conversations.
- Brian (?) – Alonzo Washington's community liaison – spoke - he went to the meeting about the WSSC development last week but he didn't say where Alanzo stands on this issue. He encouraged us to attend this meeting, to which PGCPs representatives have been invited:
  - Saturday, March 31, 2018 10am-12pm at Leon's Barbeque – 9448 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706 - school officials will be there
- Upcoming Events
  - Open House hosted by HES next Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> 8am-9pm – let people know about this if you know anyone interested in learning more about HES
  - Movie Night – March 16<sup>th</sup> – 6pm-8pm - Coco!
    - Popcorn and drinks for teachers will be free
    - We need lots of volunteers – contact Kevin Blackerby if you can help

- This is a free event, concessions for sale
  - Hyattsville Parade – April 14<sup>th</sup> – (Chad) theme is (drumroll)...school colors!
    - Kids and parents can wear blue and yellow shirts
    - Pom-Poms passed out, music will be played
  - Elevation Burger fundraiser – Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Native Plant sale – either May 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Next Month (April) we're going to have an earlier PTA Meeting – details to follow (around 2:30 or sometime after after school clubs)
  - May PTA Meeting we'll be giving parents a chance to determine the agenda and topics of discussion
- PTA Budget Update (Meredith) – parent team focusing on getting feedback from the teachers – we're looking at getting a chromebook cart or smartboards
- Newsletter (Meredith) – thanks for all your contributions - great way to spotlight how PTA has helped out and volunteered – nice way to highlight staff – looking for volunteers to help with the newsletter – we want to have kids do another interview
- 2018-2020 PTA Officers – we're recruiting new parents to step in for the next couple years. Nominations/volunteers so far are:
  - Meredith Muth President
  - Megan Miller VP
  - Jen Hanna – Secretary
  - We're looking for someone to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
  - We're looking for someone to fill the treasurer roll – you don't need accounting experience – there is a lot of busy work and some chasing down staff at HES – please consider this and let a current officer know
  - Vote will be at May 1st PTA Meeting. We need a nominating committee – 30 days before the election the nomination committee must announce candidates and vote is in May
- HES Branding – Alex Miller working on it – we're waiting on a quote from Vistaprint – Alex has modernized the lion – getting banners in different sizes printed to go around the school and to events
  - Betsy Martin has offered some design ideas on a plaque for the crossing guard Barbara who passed away last summer.
- Principal Bey applied for the WTOP grant – 10, 7, and 5k grants – we have to vote on this until the 16<sup>th</sup> and on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March – based on the number of votes - she or someone at the school needs to send us the link
- Murals – same artist is willing to work on this again. We're trying to secure funding to make sure we can pay for all the rest of the murals so we don't have to keep on figuring it out every year. We're looking for someone with grant writing experience for help. Cost is 1k a panel – grant can have science or arts focus.
- Barbara Morris announced this Saturday there will be a meet and greet with Catherine Nwosu who is running for Board of Education, District 3 – she is a parent and educator
  - Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm
  - Home of Jennifer Sheppard and Barbara Morris - 5803 42nd Ave, Hyattsville