

**Hyattsville Elementary School PTA
General Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2018, 6:30 pm - HES Media Center**

Message from HES

Mrs. Bey thanks us. They'll do better next year with planning events throughout the year rather than jamming so many events into the last two months of the school year. Next Tuesday will be a Volunteer appreciation brunch – Ms. Page and Ms. Penate are organizing for HES volunteers.

Field trips – two Kindergarten field trips fell through and a 5th grade field day fell through. A lot goes into planning a field trip – lots of paperwork. It was suggested to start planning dates to check in with teachers on the status of field trip. The school apologizes for the kindergarten and 5th grade field trips that did not work out. They're going to do better with field trip planning and communication next year. Mrs. Bey acknowledges that field trips are important. 4th grade is going to Annapolis on Thursday. 3rd grade is going to College Park Aviation museum. They'll do better with out of school and in school field trips. Thank you to Lee Cain for bringing the living classroom to 2nd grade.

This summer they'll be spending a lot of time planning the calendar out and hopefully provide the calendar to the PTA before the PTA calendar is set. Mrs. Bey is hoping to have their calendar set by July.

Staffing – Mrs. Bey is not aware of any staff leaving besides the two special ed teachers that we have already heard are leaving. She's hoping that if some are leaving she'll find out with enough time to make hires. We have a paraprofessional coming on board that will allow the reading specialist to focus more on reading. We were gifted an extra 3rd grade teacher to help reduce class sizes for 3rd grade. We have hired Ms. Calloway from Francis Scott Key. She is strong in Math. Ms. Powell asks why we decided to put the teacher in 3rd grade. Answer is that 3rd grade is where reading is so critical so having another teacher allows us to make sure kids are getting what they need in that crucial year.

Mr. Norris will be moving to 5th grade.

Date for the living classroom field trip reschedule – we gave the woman three dates in the beginning of October (8th, 9th, or 10th) as options. We're going to make sure that field

trip happens this time. Lee states that the trip has to happen in September. Mrs. Bey assures us she'll push to make this happen.

Camp Invention is moving across the street to St. Jerome's. We're having summer work done so the school will be closed and not usable. They're replacing the HVAC system. It's supposed to take all summer. They'll likely be relocating to another school while the work is being done. It's not clear what method of communication will be in place to let everyone know where the school staff will be located. Mrs. Bey was unable to confirm that the work will definitely be done by the beginning of the next school year. Mrs. Bey is unable to answer the flurry of questions that arose around the HVAC replacement situation – where will families go to register? Is this taking money away from future capital improvements for the school? How will we be kept up to date about the situation?

Dan Border is here as part of a city civic advisory committee on education that will help with communication and advocate for rebuilds of HES and HMS. They put on the school board candidate forum and will be do a reading program at Rosa Parks. Parents interested in sharing their perspective with this committee should reach out to him - dnbroder@gmail.com.

Ms. Peele thanks us for the teacher appreciation staff lounge remodel. Also the Arts and Crafts club has gone very well – she's met with a total of 16 kids per session with Ms. Roy and Ms. Cooper – thanks PTA for our support and hopes to do this again next year. They've been working this week every day finalizing Career Day details. One presenter is coming tomorrow to meet with first and second grade classes (a veterinarian). Ms. Roy thanks us for field day and for providing lunch and watermelon and water.

Back to HVAC – Barbara Morris says she heard one of the planning people presenting talking about the P3 financing that if we get the P3 financing to go through then we can get HVAC work done without it taking away from our budget.

Marquisha – the art show was really cool it was great to have every single student be able to present and show their work.

Cat C.– question about enrichment programs – a friend who is a video journalist coming for career day. Cat asks who to talk to about getting an enrichment (after school) program going at the school. Mrs. Bey suggests that Cat should talk to Ms. Booker to see if they can collaborate and get this going.

Positive Reflections on the year

School year has been extended – we appreciate the stamina of the teachers.

Open the floor to positive reflections –

Marquisha is always moved and impressed by the consistent presence of teachers in the school and at community events even on the weekend.

Kat has been so happy her first year at HES.

Kevin loves the improvement of the drop off situation. It's smoother and safer. School staff is doing a great job of keeping the kids safe and the crosswalk clear. Thank you. Kevin also loves second grade where both his boys have become voracious readers. Mrs. Bey to piggy back on Kevin's remark says she's never seen such dedication from a group of teachers in her life. Teachers are working late doing things like planning career day. They do so much for the kids.

Megan thanks everyone for letting Maxwell be himself. From reading math, math night, art night, the teachers make this school. It's truly a partnership.

Dan says this relationship between parents and teachers trickles out throughout the community into events like the Zombie Run, Plant Sale, advocacy in the community – we're thrilled to be a part of it.

Lee gives a shout out to the second grade team – has had a great experience this year.

Budget update

Meredith (Treasurer) is on a trip down the mississippi. Here is the budget update

1. **PTA Account Balance** as of June 1: \$28,820.38
2. **Donations and fundraising/Revenue**
 - We received a total of \$1000 for Jefferson Murals (\$750 from polka dot park developers UIP, \$250 from Green Owl). Our goal is to raise 5k to complete all the remaining panels in the next few years. Encourage the PTA to support these institutions! And thank Justine and Leigh and Lee for their outreach and ongoing grant applications. Murals are almost complete(Christine/Sarah - once the murals are finished, we need to acknowledge these sponsors)
 - Plant Sale! Approximate proceeds will be around \$5500!
3. **Recent PTA Support/Expenditures:**
 - Lunch for Field Day
 - Six flags bus for 5th graders
 - Instrument Repair
 - Art Show snacks and materials

- After School Enrichment closing activity
 - Ice Cream Party for box top winners
 - One tutor fingerprinting
 - Jefferson St Murals (1st installment, \$1400)
 - Teachers Lounge
4. **Upcoming Support/Expenditures**
- Catered end of year teacher lunch (\$900)
 - Remainder of Murals (\$250)
 - Commencement Exercises - (Note - they asked for \$650, but we only budgeted \$150 - PTA will provide \$300 this year only).
 - Storage for library supplies

For next year we'd like to work with staff early on to get our budget priorities set.

Mrs. Staunton – this is the first year we've implemented PBIS for the students but we don't have enough positive initiative. We'd like to start a store where students can use their paw prints to buy things for themselves. Perhaps the PTA can support this – things like school T-Shirts, light-up pencils, healthy snacks. A survey will be going out to get a good idea of what teachers want to do. Kevin asks for items and quantities and PTA can take care of it. Glass case with some fun activities and pencils. The PTA has been thinking about using the new lion for swag anyways. We'll be getting a PBIS banner with a state stamp.

Zombie Run Update (Kevin Blackerby)

Kevin – we are at \$9500 raised for sponsorship – this is all straight profit. We're in sponsorship and public affairs phase. If you know of a person or business who might want to sponsor please send to Kevin. There will be a meeting Thursday at Laura Reams's house let Kevin know if you want to come. We have timing company books and insurance covered. We're members of the roadrunner club of America. US Track and Field has sanctioned us so our race can be used to get people into marathons. We could use help from teachers to get more kids signed up. Teachers can run for free. There will be a teacher VIP tent to honor our teachers. It would be great to have a wear your zombie run t-shirt day at HES in a week leading up to the race.

We'd like to make it easier for students to run without having to pay a fee if that is a barrier. We're working on a solution that hopefully will involve a promo code for the website so that there will be no fee when this code is used. Working with teachers to spread the word to any students who need it. We'd like to meet with teachers the week that teachers return to give clear instructions to teachers to communicate this.

We're doing the thing again where other schools can sign up to raise money by racing. The way that's set up: You sign up to be a runner and you sign up to be a fundraiser. You get your own web page and can send emails to contacts for sponsorships. HES doesn't take a cut at all. We have prizes they compete for – bike, iPad, movie prize pack.

Lee – this is a good jumping off point for inter-school PTA collaboration and coordination.

Board of Education Meeting coming up this Thursday June 7th

There are no more slots open to speak at this meeting so we are unable to speak about our current needs which are:

- We are advocating for PGCPS to coordinate with HES, HMS and the city of Hyattsville to have a public meeting to discuss the plans for HES/HMS rebuilds.
- We are also advocating for feasibility studies to occur ASAP given all the development occurring in Hyattsville.
- Please send an email to testimony@pgcps.org to help us advocate for the above two bullet points, since we're unable to speak at the meeting

Dan Muth is planning on going. We'd like to have a presence at all board meetings as a way to establish ourselves as a very active and involved parent community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Encourage your neighbors who have younger kids to show up and volunteer – it's important to have new active parents as active parents have kids that age out.

We need a Membership Coordinator for next year – we want to continue to encourage membership.

Also if there is anyone available to support any activity please speak up. You don't need to be an expert or in charge - the PTA will support you.

School supply kits

Orders are due this Friday June 8th - don't forget to buy for next year - reach out to Sarah eisen.sarah@gmail.com if you have questions.

Marker recycling

Kat S. has signed us up with Crayola for a marker recycling program and will be coming around to collect markers next week.

Parting words and thank you from Marquisha

Marquisha thanks her officer team so much and gives gifts of appreciation.