

December 3, 2019 PTA meeting

Teachers/staff present: Ms. Roy, Ms. Peele, Ms. Bey, Mr. Durkin.

Albie from Rep. Taveras's office attended.

Meredith welcomed the group and we did around-the-room introductions.

Huge thanks to HES parent Kat Schooley for leading on the fabulous blacktop beautification project! This was a phenomenal group effort that began with an idea from the PTA, collaborative input from teachers, and Kat's firm deciding to "adopt" the project as their annual day of service. Kat secured substantial cost reductions on the supplies, and the entire project came in at \$1,200—including coffee! Huge thanks to all who had a hand in bringing this amazing project to reality.

Thanks to HES parent Jess Port for leading on teacher appreciation efforts! The teachers and staff loved the luncheon from the PTA during American Education Week.

Ms. Bey gave some updates from the school. Two new kindergarten teachers have been hired and will start in January—hooray! Ms. Moore is back in her classroom after the flood and we are very grateful for all the hard work from PGCPs and others to remediate the damage and make sure the environment was made safe for the kids.

Book fair begins Friday, Dec. 6 and continues through the next week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please volunteer! A link to sign up can be found on the PTA's Facebook page.

Update from Lauren Kelly, PTA treasurer. We spent \$1,200 on rugs and other supplies for the classrooms affected by the floods (an unanticipated expense) but the blacktop project came in under budget, so that's good.

Update on HMS rebuild: start date is TBD, targeted completion date is 2023. There will be no swing space—so the kids will be on-site during the build. It will be an "urban modern build," an approach used in many cities around the country.

Regarding the Kirwan Commission, if you haven't signed up for emails from [Strong Schools Maryland](#), please do!

We broke into our committees for the last 15 minutes of the meeting. PTA meeting dates for 2020 are TBD and will be released shortly.