

January 28, 2020 PTA meeting

Teachers present: Cooper, Peele, Bey, and Durkin

PTA president Meredith Muth welcomed the group—happy new year! And huge thanks for all that people have done so far this year.

The next PTA event is our annual movie night—Feb. 21. We need volunteers, from 5-9 p.m. (event runs from 6:00-8:00 p.m.) Please reach out to Laura Reams (laura.reams@gmail.com) or Megan Miller (meganzelenymiller@gmail.com) if you are available to help.

All food (pizza, water, juice, popcorn) is \$1. Admission is free. We will raffle off a copy of the movie, a pizza, and an HES t-shirt. ** Bring tissues, antibacterial wipes, or hand sanitizer for an extra chance to win!

Next event: City of Hyattsville on April 25.

HES parent Patrick Paschall gave an update on state-level school issues, specifically money for school construction. He also promoted an event sponsored by Safe Schools Maryland in February (19 or 26, date still TBC) around the Kirwan Commission. When the relevant bills have hearings, we will need folks to rally and show support in Annapolis! Stay tuned for details.

Email budget concerns/priorities to Testimony@pgcps.org, or contact our School Board rep directly: Pamela Boozer-Strother: pamela.boozerstrother@pgcps.org

PTA treasurer Lauren Kelly gave an update on budget: we are doing well! We still have about \$10,000 left to spend this year, much of which is earmarked. We are focusing on teacher stipends specifically!

Laurent also provided an update on beautification efforts: we are working on some ideas to update the rain garden on the playground. We are working with HES parents Blake Sloane and Jonaki Sanyal to design and build some playhouses as well.

Communications: We need someone to help with the bulletin board inside the front doors. Please reach out to PTA secretary Jen Hanna (jenniferhanna9@yahoo.com) if you are interested. We also approved the current PTA bylaws, by voice vote.

HES parent Sarah Weber gave an update on the county-wide homework policy. She is one of two parent reps on the committee and they expect to have a draft report produced by next month.

Also, a heads up—starting next month, we will begin organizing a Nominations Committee to solicit candidates for the next PTA board.

Ms. Bey gave an update. She discussed the County's G3 survey, designed to learn more about teacher retention and recruitment. The school will hold a coffee chat with Principal Bey on Feb. 18 from 8-9 a.m. Please let Ms. Bey know what information you would like her to share during PTA meetings.

Ms. Cooper talked about: the African-American Read-In, coming in February. Thursday, Feb. 6 is Math Night at HES. The talent Show is March 20—permission slips are due Feb. 18 and are outside Ms. Harrison's door. 3rd-5th graders are starting a student council! Candidates will speak to the school beginning this Friday.

Report cards will be distributed on Feb. 7.

Honor Roll assemblies are scheduled for Feb. 10 (3rd and 5th) and 11 (4th and 2nd grade).