

## Hearst PTA EB Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

In attendance: Sara Rastegar, Alex, Beth Prince, Sima Gandhi, Andral Hills, Dawn Gray, Larin Rottman, Tim Staffa, Dave Steadman, Sarah Knight Marvar

### **Upcoming Events - Shari Rose– PTA co-president**

#### Auction

Wine Parties are in full swing – 5 in total

Auction – Teacher treats –Beth Prince will ask teachers to if they can offer anything and put into a shared spreadsheet to see what other teachers are offering. Shari will share this sheet with the teachers.

#### Next PTA meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Ms Susan Ratigan will present behavioral health info for 15-20 mins & Student Council will also present.

AP Rottman will share an update on aftercare tutoring results. Parents should see that data to help inform parents as it's a big ticket item for auction funds.

PTA meeting April 9<sup>th</sup> will be combined with art night and Principal Hills will share test data.

PTA will present schoolwide goals for PTA budget and present 2026-27 budget at meeting. We could also review PTA priorities with community.

#### Other upcoming events

Open house is Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> for students with places at Hearst. We still need 6 volunteers.

Spirit Week March 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Donut coffee morning April 10<sup>th</sup>– informal gathering with Principal Hills

Spring musical – June 6th

Book fair – March 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Monday - through Wed open after school. May need parent volunteers to help Ms Bourbon.

## **PTA Executive Board positions to fill – for 2026-27**

Co- President

VP spot

Treasurer

Recording secretary

Potential additional role – Aftercare coordinator – coordinate with CLS

According to bylaws they wouldn't be able to vote. Could update the bylaws to add that position as a voting member as well as adding proxy voting to the bylaws.

## **Budget for 2026-27**

PTA presidents are connecting with Horace Mann school PTA to see how they fund partner teachers. They cover 12 staff positions with PTA funds.

This year we hoped for funding from dcps for 2 PE teachers. We just got funding for 1.5. Principal Hills has requested the PTA funds 0.5 PE assistant position through CLS. If we hire through CLS they would invoice us for this PE support role. They would help with hiring and insurance. Position would be for one person for 15 hours a week 12-3pm, 5 days a week, roughly \$15,000.

This staff person could assist the PE teacher with large groups and take instructions from PE teacher. We could currently provide the funds now without changing anything in budget. CLS will be their manager. CLS is managed by the school administrative team and the PTA so the PTA will have some oversight of this staff person.

Funding the position – this year would be a pilot and we will assess community interest in funding this type of position in the future.

Last year we saw a lot of support in hiring partner teachers but were unable to do so. The community is interested in using PTA funds for these types of expenses (staff) but we want it to be sustainable and a springboard for this kind of fundraising.

Longer term hiring options are kindergarten partner teachers. We have 3 kindergarten partner teachers that dcps doesn't see as strictly necessary. If we could fund them from PTA funds we could then free up that money for other teachers eg. Spanish teachers.

The new DCPS budget this year allows us to keep all current 2025-26 staff lines next year.

PTA is considering shifting funds raised from Readathon used for gift cards for families to funding more CLS scholarships instead.

At the Auction we will focus on specific asks for the Hearst community eg. Field trips, community meeting/ Assembly visitors.

### **PTA Funding Priorities**

Executive Board plans to review the PTA funding priorities to help with PTA spending decisions. This would help with getting more continuity with revolving PTA

PTA priorities review would start with PTA executive board then continue the conversation with the Hearst community

Tim Staffa proposed– we come up with a 1 page plan for PTA priorities to help PTA make budget allocations in accordance with shared goals. This could be shared with Hearst community.

Should we produce a PTA annual report? Is the community aware of what we're doing? Perhaps that community awareness could be one of our goals. Having clear goals will help put some onus on community to financially support the goals eg. paying partner teachers

Conversation will continue at next executive board meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March