

Hearst Elementary School PTA Meeting  
February 13, 2019  
Start time at 6:05pm

**Teacher Presentations** - ELL teacher Mr. Ibrahim and Mr. Garfield as well as Fourth grade teachers - Ms. Drew and Ms. Singanong.

Mr. Ibrahim - supports PK, K and 1. Discusses both push-ins and pull-outs. We have overall more than 60 ELL kids.

Mr. Garfield - 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

Twenty-two countries represented and about 15 languages.

Try to group kids across grade levels, when possible and when necessary.

Can take up to six years for a kid to exit ESL program, though often is faster at Hearst.

Ms. Singanong - discussion of the "Heroes?" journey the kids studied. Different perspectives and different areas of the world. Students also did research and then presented to their classmates. Also did a personal narrative unit for the writer's workshop. Also teamed up with Ms. Kresic and created portraits to go with their narratives.

Kennedy Center Partnership - focusing on Storytelling with Ms. Macklin.

Currently studying Native Americans and opinion writing.

Ms. Drew - math and science. Students learned to apply place value to represent numbers in a variety of ways. Students ordered and compared and rounded numbers in to the millions. Students applied various strategies to computer with the four operations. Students learned to create equivalent fractions and compare and order fractions using a variety of strategies. Students learned to add, subtract and multiply fractions, mixed numbers and whole numbers and convert these to proper fractions. Students learned to represent fractions as their equivalent decimals. Students learned to convert both customary and metric units and solve word problems involving these.

**Overview from Principal Thomas on Community Budget Input-**

Staff's top priorities - special education, SEL, additional student support (both intervention and extension).

Parent's top priorities - literacy and writing, math, science and technology.

Runs through the Budget Survey Wish List for staff and parents (see attached slides)

**Soccer Goals Update/Ask** - (Jolyon Bowman)

One soccer goal is broken and removed. Skip Holmes did some research to find out the price to replace. Nearly \$4K. That's a lot. We talked to Stoddert, who will give \$500. Also talked to PPA and

they will kick in \$500. US Soccer will give us their discount on a set of goals. Not the same though really good.

\$2253 - \$1000. Ask PTA for \$1200.

We have one goal and 30-40 kids after school who want to play soccer. They currently are using the tall net on the side of the field.

Jolyon - could take two weeks from once they are ordered.

\*\*I'd like us to vote next month.

### **Update from Wilson Feeder Pattern Final Report - (Brian Doyle)**

Almost all schools in the Wilson feeder pattern are at or above capacity.

Even conservative projections show the problem will get worse.

What can be done? We need more schools. Perhaps one additional elementary school to feed into Hardy and one for Deal and maybe one more middle school. Plus creativity at the high school level.

What else can be done - more UDC partnerships, Duke Ellington space; improve schools around the city; usage fees for developers; policy flexibilities = don't force schools to pull students off waitlist when overcrowded; short-term solutions - more portables, schedules, etc.

What happens next? Initial response by chancellor and deputy mayor is encouraging; many challenges remain (money, high needs elsewhere, locating space for a new school, politics, etc.); most solutions are imperfect.

Current concerns - Old Hardy bldg.; pushing for next steps for mtgs with DCPS and DME; Hearst and implications of developments on Wisconsin Ave.

Group called Keep Old Hardy Public - would be great if Hearst PTA could consider lending support.  
<https://keepoldhardypublic.org/>

Residents will be occupying Fannie Mae space in 2-3 years. That will be a phased-in situation. 4000 Wisconsin construction has not yet started. Both are projected for about 700 apartments.

Next meeting: March 11 - 7pm at the Tenleytown Library

### **Auction - we need your helps! (Kim Cooper)**

Three asks -

Night-of volunteers

Donations and Sign-up party hosts

Big items: Ariana Grande Tix, Backstreet Boys, batting practice with the Nats, etc.

Bidders for Online Auction - March 4-11<sup>th</sup> - restaurant gift certificates, etc. raise more money this way b/c grandparents, etc can be a part of it.

About 100 online and 100 the day of. Smaller space at the temple this year.

Scherzer jersey signed - online.

All Caps signed a hockey stick - day-of auction

### **Events Update**

Silver Community Dining Event - Tuesday, Feb. 26

Parent's Night Out - Friday, March 1 at Hearst - 16 slots left!!!

Prospective Parent Open House - Friday, March 15

Hearst Auction - Saturday, March 23

Sweat & Sip - Orange Theory - date TBD - 25-40 people. All proceeds to be donated to Hearst

Jami Schell - We raised \$838 at the Politics and Prose fundraiser. PTA would like to thank Jami for coordinating and organizing!

**List of Open PTA Slots for Next School Year**

Co-President

Recording Secretary

Room Parent Coordinator

Bookkeeper

Please reach out to the PTA if you would like to run!

End of meeting: 7:37pm