



# Hyde Park School

## PTO Meeting Minutes

JAN 9, 2018 at 8 AM

### Board Members

Jason DeBruer - President | Ed Paff Jr. - Vice President | Emily Danner - Treasurer | Brandon Hunter - Vice Treasurer | Courtney Wasson - Secretary | Leah Beckman, Jill Goulait, Malinda Uetrecht - Fundraising | Ashley Tolokonsky - Extracurricular Coordinator & Socials | Caroline Seale - Volunteer Coordinator | Mike Brugh - Athletic Director [scribe - C. Wasson]

### New Business

#### 1. Principal's Report - Jill Sunderman

- Fence completed between sports court and parking lot. Mr. Brown is grateful to no longer retrieve so many balls every day from the parking lot and kids are safely separated from traffic!
- PTO's big focus is the upcoming spring fundraising (mid April)
- Geography Bee is coming up
- Kindergarten Info Night Feb 5 at 6pm
- Third Grade Info night to be set in Feb. Check principal's newsletter for details.
- Jill is waiting on a meeting with district to discuss staffing for next year.

#### 2. Guest Speaker – Mike Moroski, CPS Board of Education

- He really wants and needs input from everyone – parents, student and staff
- He was a teacher and assistant principal, now focuses on policy and system improvement at Children's hospital and on CPS board. Serves on Student Achievement Committee.
- Passion for PE and health education. More active minutes for all kids and working on new curriculum for health education.
- Working to help install restorative discipline policy across schools.
- District is looking at expansion for several schools – PRM, HPS, Carson & Spencer. 2 new schools to open Mercy Westwood, Clifton neighborhood school. CPS has grown by 4500 students in recent years despite predictions of decline.
- Q&A – (send any question or concern to [mikemoroski@gmail.com](mailto:mikemoroski@gmail.com))
  - Will Mercy help alleviate overcrowding at Walnut? Not sure yet what Mercy will be, trying to best meet west side needs.
  - CPS has moved all 7&8 to high school. Any talk of establishing junior highs? No recent discussion but it's interesting idea.
  - What about HPS expansion? District has to look at all district needs. CPS considers changing neighborhood lines, buying or repurposing district buildings, building changes. Propose solutions to BOE committee (student achievement) and hopefully proceed to full board, get it on Board Matters discussion. Parents showing up is important.
  - Pedestrian safety update. 13 students struck this year, 1 died. Mostly high schoolers going to and from metro bus stops. CPS is working with SORTA to move stops closer to school, asking city to provide crossing guards for high school. 1999 tax agreement to be renegotiated this year, this includes detail on crossing guards.
  - Public BOE meetings at 6:30pm were changed to 8am and 4:30pm to encourage public attendance.

#### **4. Committee Updates**

- Fundraising:
  - Holiday Spiritwear sale was a success – thanks
  - Pool party at UC is Jan 20 and still tickets available
  - Restaurant night Jan 24 at Keystone Bar & Grill (15% back)
  - Spring Celebration – time to start planning – call for volunteers going out now!
- Athletics:
  - Spring sports registration is open
  - Mom prom is fast approaching
- Financial Update:
  - Budget is in good shape. Some field trips have been paid for, some will be upcoming. All fundraising is going well.
- Extracurricular:
  - Program registration is open and classes start soon
- LSDMC/Vision 20/20 update (Mrs. Hughes). Application is moving forward. Will all be presented on a google site. Focus is personalized education program (T&E, electives, 1:1 devices for more individualized content, budget is being flushed out. A component is adding a reading specialist to the school to help our struggling readers. 3 years of funding will be providing to help achieve vision 20/20.

**Meeting Adjourned - 9:02 AM**