

PTO GENERAL MEETING

5/13/2026

Meeting start: 6:03

Present: Nick, Rachel, Emily, Julie

President Report (Nick)

- Cap collection for Girl Scouts is complete! Lisa Gallagher working on cleaning them. Our work is done.
- PTO & Boosters together purchased a riding lawnmower with a plow attachment. Mr. Rowe loves it and is very grateful. *Note: HPS previously had a riding lawnmower and CPS took it. There is a document that says the lawnmower is Nick Schuckman's and he is permitting Mr. Rowe to use it for the benefit of HPS. The lawnmower is not school property,*
- Wood fence around the transformer has been fixed. New doors with new hinges and hardware were installed. There is a PVC lattice roof so balls shouldn't fall in anymore. We need to see how it works in the winter once it's cold, but for now, it works and needs no maintenance.
- PBIS update- Miss Julie spoke about a girl who was late everyday and sad about it. Idea to use "welcome slips" instead of "tardy slips," since it isn't the kids' fault they are late. Ms. Woods updated that they have found two potential new slips and are working with CPS about switching.
- Kindergarten summer playdates- Current ones are on weekday afternoons because that's when kindergarten teachers are available. Looking at adding a couple to summer weekends- maybe the teacher can't make it, but at least incoming kids could get to know each other.

Principal Report (Ms. Woods)

- Thanks for all the love and support last week. Teachers were happy everyday. New staff said they've never been treated this well before. PTO is awesome.
- The garden is great.
- Field Day is May 26. Thanks in advance for volunteering.
- The incoming kindergarten class is trending big. CPS sent registrations for over 60 kids already; Ann hasn't counted the ones dropped off at HPS yet. We may be less able to take students from outside the neighborhood if the trend continues.
- Resource coordinator has been hired. She's been to visit. Her start date is still unclear, but hopeful staff will get to meet her before they break for summer.
- Important dates:
 - 5/15 Career Day (4th-6th grades)
 - 5/15 Talent Show Submissions Due
 - 5/26 Field Day
 - 5/28 Last day of school
 - 5/31 School supply orders due (secret two extra weeks to come)

ILT report (via email)

- New School year dates set:
 - 8/17 Ice Cream Social
 - 8/24-8/28 Parent Orientation Week
- Learning buddies- possible new structure for next school year. More to come...
- Resource room- Created in Ms. Woods' former office for some students in grades 4-6 with IEPs. Students still participate in specials, lunch, and recess with their class, but will receive special attention as needed in ELA and Math. (This gives them a dedicated room instead of the hallway)

Fundraising Report (Rachel)

- Not a lot to report. Most of the Spring Celebration Money is in.
- Jeni's ice cream made around \$250. There was a sign; there was a specialty flavor; it was a great event (even with the inconvenient hours). Can we do it again this summer, or do we have to wait another calendar year?
- Anyone want to host a parent social in fall? Reach out to Ashley if so. Incoming third grade is the only one claimed so far.

Volunteering Report (Marcy)

- Field Day volunteers still needed, but the Sign-Up Genius is pretty full for still being two weeks out
- Everything remaining this school year is handled at grade-level

Teacher Reps- none present**Athletic Report- no one present****Treasurer Report (John)**

- Spring Celebration will have raised over \$71,000 once it all comes in. We're still waiting 45 days for Event Gives to release the money, but then we're all done.
- John will close out the books at the end of June and pass everything onto Emily.
- Taxes are done. The behind-the-scenes stuff is done. Everything will be ready when the year ends.

Library Report (Andy)

- Andy has spearheaded the process
- So far, there have been 4 volunteer days. They unshelve books from stage, sort, organize, and prepare the books for barcodes. One or two more work days should have everything sorted.
- Next step (could potentially change)- milk crates full of books can be sent home with people to work on scanning barcodes. One carton will probably take an hour or so to scan.

- New librarian came to one session. She's thrilled at the work. She thought she was going to have to oversee it herself when she started.
- Best estimate is around 4,000 books total.
- Goal is to have two working days per week to have it up and running by the start of next school year.

Garden Update (Michael)

- We have a garden! Volunteers have planted close to 300 plants over the last couple of week. Most are perennials and native to the area, so will continue to grow on their own.
- Twelve raised beds are all planted and "adopted" for the summer. Each grade level has a bed. We'll see how it work.
- Still to come: shade structures to make the space more usable (pergola, shade-cover over outdoor classroom stumps)
- Fundraising will continue, but not at the same pace. Over \$100,000 was raised to begin the project; still trying to figure out operating budget going forward.
- Garden is an asset open to the entire school including, teachers, faculty, groups, PTO, etc. Please use it.

LSDMC (Lavona via Nick)

- Oakley Community Day is May 30
- Oakley Community Council donated to garden
- Hyde Park Community Council donated to school
- Our entry in the CPS School guide should be updated to include International Night, Pumpkin Chuck, and robust PTO/parental engagement.

DEI (Lisa va Nick)

- Still looking for a lead representative. If they do not find one, it may fold back into LSDMC. There is tentative interest to keep it as as separate subcommittee. TBD
- Next CPS board meeting is 5/18 at 5/30. Please join in person or on Zoom. CPS may remove school social workers for budgetary reasons.
- Kilgour has reached out for support in starting their own DEI committee.
- Next year will continue Black History Month, Women's History Month and Autism Awareness initiatives. Next year, want to partner with Student Council to also do a student-led initiative.
- DEI will re-deploy their family group survey during back-to-school. There was not enough response to start new groups now.

QUESTIONS

- Has the school ever done car wash fundraiser? Mike (garden) will connect with Ashley (fundraising) about getting it together. It could be a PTO fundraiser that raises garden awareness. The Garden Committee has a wholesale account with Natorps. They could do a plant sale along with a car wash.

- Should there be a “There’s a Garden!” School Celebration? It’s logistically difficult to bring the whole school outside for one. Garden committee is happy to do an orientation/welcome thing for any group that would like it.

VOTING

Ashley O’Bryan- appointed fundraiser coordinator

Marcy Gloeckler- appointed volunteer coordinator

LSDMC- Lavonda and Ryan McClash unanimously elected (move to vote by Nick, seconded by a man in the back)

Vice President- Beth Russell

Vice Treasurer- Melissa Shih

Secretary- Megan Dehner

Rachel move to vote the slate; Julie second; unanimous to approve

Thanks Nick!!!