

Frances Harper Junior High Parent Teacher Organization  
Meeting Minutes – January 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm - 8:30pm

I. Call to Order (Deb Greenway)

II. Approval of November Minutes (Deb Greenway)

Mr. McKim motion, Ian Pund second. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Principal's Report (Jennifer Mullin)

- Field update – weather has caused some delay as rain has saturated area. Ms. Mulling met with contractors on Thursday. Fields will not be able to be used it for soccer season. Should be done by track season.
- During rainy days, there are indoor areas to eat: MPR and library and gym are open in the morning, staff has rooms open as well. Some kids still prefer to eat outside in the rain, despite the many indoor options.
- Basketball intramurals start end of Jan. Keeps students occupied during the lunch period. Indoor soccer intramural happened in fall. Intramural sport for spring will either be flag football or outdoor soccer.

IV. Counselor's Report

- Focusing on the end of semester have students in to discuss, especially for 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Homework club is offered after school m-th.
- Math office hours are offered during lunch.
- Bridge tutors are coming in for lunch.
- Going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to discuss 4-year plans. Making sure kids know that the plans they create are flexible and it's OK to change it overtime.
- DHS going into classroom this month.
- Working on parent scheduling for incoming 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Care closet – thank you for the items, students are using it, working on getting a one stop shop, daily basis items, making them feel good, safe space, and opportunity to build confidence.
- Community member that wanted to start the care closet, how to stock and promote, normalize,
- Thinking about adding clothes (added socks recently)
  - o Tarri asked – can we use the lost and found items to stock it (after several times of enabling kids to claim lost items.)?

V. Teacher's Report (Ken McKim)

- December's Leadership Class generosity was greatly appreciated! Food and hot beverage/breakfast cart!
- In January, Harper teachers take on the task of re-motivating students to finish the unfinished first semester. Strong rains and winds keep all on edge with the possibility of last minute changes to lesson plans, accommodating losses of power and internet connectivity.
- Teacher Notices and Quotes:
  - o From School Nurse Karla Mahoney:
    - Hi Ken – thanks for taking care of this. Can you please share the following data on Sleep with the group? We're also going to put it in the parent newsletter and website so it's available to all. Thanks much! January Staff Training Flyer/Email - Sleep - Google Docs
  - o From Julie Shelton – science
    - We are grateful for the gift cards in science! Makes it so easy to buy lab supplies last minute. Love all of the food that they have provided as well!
  - o From Nick Gallaudet – social studies, leadership
    - Can you let PTO know we have a dance coming up on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be sending communication in the coming weeks asking for parent volunteers? I'd like to just get it on their radar.

- Tree Harper & Friends of Frances thanks PTO, Harper's Front Office staff for all the help with a very successful Fund Razor VI. Over \$1200 in donations! Plans are being discussed regarding purchasing trees, some replacement tools, needed soil amendments, work gloves, and more!
- Mr. McKim's News:
  - o McKim's 5th period Science 8 class will switch to Mrs. Bays on Jan 24 for the second semester. This allows Mr. McKim to instruct a Skills class (7th grade) that is in need of an instructor. This means Mr. McKim will have 3 Biology classes in the morning (9th grade) and 2 Skills classes in the afternoon (7th grade). This move also allows all science teachers to have 2 preps, rather than 3. This also means more 7th graders have the opportunity to connect with our campus, beautify our campus, learn sustainable stewardship practices, acquire valuable skills dealing with maintenance, tool use, horticulture, arboriculture, and gardening.

## VI. Miscellaneous

### a. Elizabeth Moon, Board Trustee, Area 4 - Introduction

This election year was strange because there was no opposition. It was a missed opportunity for community engagement. She wanted to take the time to introduce herself and reason for running.

She has 2 children completed Davis. She can be contacted at: [emoon@djud.net](mailto:emoon@djud.net)

Ms. Moon started her career as a k12 teacher, focused on 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. After having kids she taught at ARC college, grad school of management & diversity.

Her role as trustee role is one of governance focus, not the how but the why and the what. She is our representative for the school board. If there are issues that are of concern, she can help facilitate conversations to help fixing issues. Ms. Moon is about collaboration to and will solve problems together. Her area includes Harper, Korematsu, and Birch Lane.

## VII. Fundraising Report (Ashely Burgdorf)

- \$151 was raised from Nick the Greek fundraiser, despite some hiccups with staffing issues at the restaurant.
- Next take out Tuesday will be Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at Blaze Pizza from 5-8.
- To date approximately \$11k has been raised.

## VIII. Treasurer's Report (Ian Pund)

- 45% of budget to be paid
- \$1600 left in the hospitality budget
- Expected to go into next year with \$3-4k

## IX. Hospitality Report (Julia Munsch)

- Thanks to Irma and Tarri for writing bday cards.
- Valentines Day chosen for the next date for coffee cart from PTO. Jenny Sindel and Ashely can help, and leadership can likely also help.
- Julia to do signup genius.
- Ashley will see if Peets/Starbucks coffee donate. 83 employees, vegan and GF options will be available.

## X. Staff grant –

- Items that were not delivered from sign up genius were purchased. Ashley working with counselors on closet.
- 17 grants were funded.
- Would it be possible to shift the "helping hands budget" to the care closet? Yes, we will put in the next year budget to be sustainable funding as a line item.
- Science experiences coming up. PTO can request donations per kid via Venmo, check cash. \$5 per kid donation to PTO.
- Care closet – can also be funded by sign up genius.

## XI. Adjournment 8:18PM

