

ELIOT-HINE PTO MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 2, 2024 | 6PM, ELIOT HINE AUDITORIUM

Attendance:

An estimated 40 people attended.

1. Call to Order (PTO President, Cedric Jenkins)

Meeting called to order at 6:07. Mission statement was reviewed for Eliot Hine Middle School and PTO.

2. By-laws (Parliamentarian Mark Jordan) - [amendment language](#)

Background: PTO had five of six new officers last year, making for a steep learning curve and very little institutional memory for an already young organization.

First amendment: making membership dues optional .

Second amendment: six elected officers with three elected in even years and three elected in odd years. But we are currently off cycle and could readily fix this by swapping which officers get elected in even years (so that it would be VP, Parliamentarian, and Faculty Representative)

Both amendments were voted on and approved unanimously. Approved bylaws will be posted on the PTO page of the EH website.

3. PTO Elections (Parliamentarian Mark Jordan)

Vice President - Lora Nunn volunteered to run. Vote succeeded.

Parliamentarian - No new nominees. Mark Jordan remains in the position for the next two years.

Teacher's Representative - Mr. Grenier has been the representative for the last year.

All terms are two year terms with staggered elections over the years.

4. LSAT Member Election (Principal Magrino, Dr. Morgan)

Eliot Hine needs four parent representatives on its Local School Advisory Team (LSAT). The LSAT reviews the comprehensive school plan and looks at data along the way to see how the school is progressing. Budget season also begins around the new calendar year. Principal Magrino would like to ensure that the LSAT family representation covers all the families in the student body, especially those in Wards 7 and 8, especially those coming from East of the River.

Names were taken and Principal Magrino will follow up with those interested.

5. Introduction of the PTO Executive Board (PTO President, Cedric Jenkins)

Committee Chairs are needed, please

5. Principal Remarks (Principal Magrino)

Enrollment audit is soon. Enrollment locks on Oct 7 as the final count for the year that locks in per student based 434 students. 105% enrolled for the year. Principal Magrino did petition for enrollment to help accommodate this over enrollment. That will set EH up well for budget season to be able to petition for a greater budget. Goal is to get everyone enrolled early for SY25-26.

EH is a Title I school meaning that 40% or more of the school qualifies for free lunch, so that means the whole school gets free lunch. The additional Title I funds plus at-risk resources allows the school to hire an extra math teacher, buy materials for students, some materials for teachers, etc.

Focus areas for the school: huge focus on reading and math proficiency. Want in the long run to use the 6th grade year to get students up to proficiency so that we use the 7th and 8th grade years to really engage more deeply. This year represents a significant effort to get to this proficiency goal.

In Math, EH is focused on implementing the IM curriculum. This is an open source curriculum. So parent resources are available online. The material and teaching approach is more conceptual than the way math was historically taught.

For Reading, Three P's: Preview (subtitles, pictures, bold text), Determine Purpose, Predict. Students are being trained to practice these three steps. Fluent readers do this naturally but by teaching it explicitly, the hope is that students will be

Grading: EH is working on standardizing use of Canvas and getting grading practices regularly updated. Advisory is engaged in social-emotional learning, team building, etc.

Sense of Belonging and Attendance: These are linked. The Panorama Survey is used to gauge Sense of Belonging. If students belong, they are likely to attend regularly. Will also do some touch points throughout the year.

Partnership with Families: School is stronger because we have had family involvement. Last parent coffee had about twenty families present who gave excellent feedback that the school, in turn, addressed in the school newsletter and tonight at PTO. Please come to coffees in the future. Other school administrators will rotate through in the coming events.

Student Agendas: Students are tracking their work, setting goals, assessing themselves.

Parent/Teacher conferences are next M & T. The Student-led Conferences are the same evenings and families can select which day (Oct 7 or 8) works best for them. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT BRING THEIR AGENDA!** There is no need to sign up for the Student-led Conferences. There will be a paper flyer sent home tomorrow (10/3) that allows you to indicate which night you plan to attend. But even if you do not respond, the important thing is to attend one night or another. The program/session will be the same either night.

Next month is *Heritage Celebration* and Term 1 Student Awards Ceremony. Families will be asked to bring food, drinks, and artifacts representing their culture and traditions.

E-City Book Shop flyer circulated in paper form. The Book Fair with East City happens all week long *and* online. Buyers must identify their purchase as part of the Eliot Hine fundraiser. Teachers can also post wish lists. Please advertise with your friends and family. Ms. Rose can make recommendation

WYSE is an after-school activity every Wednesday for middle school girls. Students who want to hang out with college students who are trained in the WYSE curriculum are encouraged to get involved! It's been hard so far for the college students WYSE volunteers to recruit because they are not here during EH lunch period to talk it up amongst students. So please help make sure EH girls are aware of this opportunity.

We the Girls and *Boys Rites of Passage* are also great after school activities.

6. Budget Proposal Presentation (Treasurer Robert Campbell) - [slides](#)

Budget proposal was verbally described and soon we can look forward to

Bank balance at nearly \$63K - See slides for categories and proposed funding levels.

Treasurers are still getting receipts from last year to close out the books from SY23-24. There was a lot of forensic accounting last year.

New expenses: Projector (\$10K), We're proposing to quadruple the Principal's discretionary budget, PTO discretionary budget, some of these new flexibilities will be budget execution more

Budget will be shared on the google group and posted on the PTO page.

School will use part of the "Standing Ovation" award funding to help support the

On-going sources of revenues: Basketball Fever, Poinsettia Sale, Grants make up a huge portion of the budget, Vendor Partnership for a "portion of the proceeds" types of events with Chipotle/East City Books, Parent Community Donations,

Fundraising Chair still needed.

7. Upcoming Events (PTO President, Cedric Jenkins)

Please see the [Eliot Hine online calendar](#).

8. Volunteer Needs and Opportunities (Amy Daniels)

Not covered.

8. Membership suggestions and ideas (PTO President, Cedric Jenkins)

Not covered.

9. Misc. Announcements (PTO President Cedric Jenkins)

- Wed Oct 16th lunch and dinner fundraiser with Della Barba pizza. Mention Eliot Hine when you order. 20% of proceeds to EH.

Tues Nov 19 fundraiser with Chipotle during dinner hours - 413 8th St SE (25% of proceeds to EH).

East City Books Nov 4-10 (20% of pre-tax book fair sales go to EH) - 645 Pennsylvania Ave SE #100

Poinsettia Sale - Dec TBD. **We need a volunteer to lead this.**

Next PTO meeting is November 20. Note that this is off-cycle from the typical “second Wed of the month” pattern.

10. Adjournment (PTO President Cedric Jenkins)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Some highlights from the School Safety Summit:

Following the PTO meeting was a **School Safety Summit**. One handout was given with safety tips. MPD officers, including the Eliot Hine School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Taylor is always present to ensure safe passage in the time period when students are getting to and from school.

SROs have received special training to work with young people, such as youth empowerment, youth development, and de-escalation tactics. Officer Taylor goes to school events, games, and to the cafeteria during lunch. So do not assume MPD presence at the school means that there is a problem. SROs are required to be present. That is their assignment, not an indication of a problem.

Tour of duty for the SRO is 7am to 5:30pm. For the most part they are outside the school but if assistance is needed inside, then the SRO responds as the needs dictate.

Parents are advised to keep tabs on their student’s social media activity. Check to see if they have multiple profiles.

Ms. Michales is the bullying POC at Eliot Hine.

DPR - www.dpr.dc.gov - Check the website for all program information.

- Supreme Teens Program (ages 13-18 yo) - paid internships; field trips; volunteerism; cultural activities
- Young Ladies on the Rise - cultural activities, money management, cross-city engagement
- OSTP Out of School Time Program - Contribute \$25 for field trips on Saturdays, usually once a month. Recently went to Baltimore
- Holiday camps when school is out of session. Week long winter holiday camp and spring break week camp.
- Fun day camps on the single days when DCPS is out of session (8am to 5pm)
- At Rosedale offer football, cheer, basketball
- Note that many of these programs have limited slots, so must register quickly.
- Age groups start at age 6 and go
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