

**Present:** Alia Gonzales (President), Anna Kluver (Vice President), Harmony Hey (Treasurer), Kristy Sawyer (Secretary), Rachel Barrett (parent), Rebecca Welch Weigel (parent), Tracy Smith (Fundraising Chair), Erin Osterhaus (parent), Tiffany Berry (parent), Miranda Bandy (parent), Genia Beal (parent), Jason Tuomey (parent), Dimarlys Suarez (Hamilton family liaison), Fernanda Dillon (Hamilton School Leader)

**Absent:**

### **Agenda**

Welcome -- Anna posted agenda in in the Zoom chat

#### **Introductions: (3 minutes)**

- Introduced members, roles and grade levels of students

#### **Reminder of Norms and Goals of the PTSA: (5 minutes)**

- Norms of the meeting along with time limits
- What does the PTSA do? How does this group help support the school? How does someone help?
- Goals:
  - Focus on building community with Hamilton families and neighbors
  - Focus on creating Fundraising events that incorporate community building and making money. Goal for fundraising this year: \$5,000
  - Focus on building more staff appreciation opportunities throughout the school year

#### **School Leadership Report and Feedback/Q&A (10 - 15 minutes)**

- Dimarly Suarez provided updates
  - Talent show May 13th
  - DC trip planned for 8th graders of 22-23 school year
    - March 24th meeting
  - Sparks field trips continuing: Metro State University this Friday
  - Denver Children's Choir coming to Hamilton next year for a before school program
  - Beautification projects planned - Fix the Art Room Days 10-2pm (March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd); Drama will also be working on the stage those days
    - New exterior banners and welcome mats
    - Student murals after Spring Break
- Fernanda Dillon provided some updates

- Families/visitors - pick-ups will remain the same at door (pickup outside); if there is an appointment, can be virtual or in-person
  - Events can be in person; PTSA meetings and events could resume in person if preferred
- In contact with FACE to understand parent classes that could be offered, help bring families into the building; Fe will share with PTSA to determine classes
- Starting in advisory this week, students will be watching Youtube lessons (e.g., Dealing with Digital Drama, Celebrating Diversity) and discussing in class; videos will be shared in newsletter so families can watch together as well
- DPS Multicultural team of 6 coaches will start working with Hamilton for 8 weeks to observe classes, assist/train staff and improve systems
  - No cost to Hamilton, these coaches are DPS Central Office employees
  - Hamilton has a high student need and ready to receive the support
- Implementing procedures to improve attendance; rate has improved from 77% in January to 87% now

### **School Funding Requests: (10 Min.)**

- Grade Level Incentives
  - Dimarly presented the request: attendance, behavioral, grades are the top priorities areas for school right now
    - For each month rest of year, will focus on one of the priorities to provide an incentive for a winning grade level (e.g., highest attendance/ most improved attendance grade level gets hot cocoa party)
    - School is creating posters throughout school to build excitement
  - Request of \$255 for food items; may need volunteers for May event
  - Suggestion of contacting Regal for popcorn donations
  - Approved by vote: 8 members
- School Dance
  - Student request - Anna provided an overview of the request form and options for PTSA to discuss/approve (first student funding request!)
    - School dance on March 25th to celebrate students being back together
    - Initial request for \$1,600
    - Funding would cover pizza, decorations, drinks, cookies
    - School would fund maintenance, security staff
    - Students also working on donations
    - Concern that date may need to be pushed to April to allow more time for planning
    - Anna proposed approving funding up to \$800
    - Harmony can work with the students on options to purchase and estimate costs; Dimarly can help with decoration suggestions
    - Check back to a prior meeting where there was a parent who DJs
    - Approved by vote of \$800: 8 members

### **Nominations for 2022-2023 Board:**

- Anna explained process of board member nominations and voting
- If anyone else is interested, please reach out to PTSA to be added to election list, vote will be in April meeting
- Nominations voiced at the meeting:
  - President: Anna Kluver-Fensler (nominated by Tracy)
  - Vice President: Genia Beal (nominated by Anna)
  - Treasurer: Beth Hockett (nominated by Tracy)
  - Secretary: Miranda Bandy (nominated by Tracy)

### **Officers Reports: (5 min.)**

- Treasurer report - Harmony: \$6,409.27 balance
  - Deposits:
    - Amazon Smiles: \$18.45
    - Cheddar Up: \$670 (trivia night donations)
    - Slices fundraiser: \$400
  - Expenditures:
    - Teacher Appreciation event: \$96.67
  - April 21st - Bad Daddy Burger dines out
  - Holm is doing an auction in the Fall if anyone has donations - contact Harmony

### **Building Community/Fundraising: (15 Minutes)**

- Swag Store is open for month of March and closes on the 25th
- Skate City nights- March 16 and May 18th 6-8pm
  - PTSA will get some funds if enough tickets are sold
- Dines Out Event at Bird Call on March 15th- All Day
- Another Trivia Night in April- 8th, 15th (Good Friday, Passover) 22nd
  - Consider if we should try to do in-person/hybrid trivia event - may be able to get a live host
  - April 22nd could give more time to plan; although this is the 2nd half of talent show auditions
  - Live events would require more school staff
  - April 29th has conflicts with other school events
  - 2nd and 3rd week of April planned for testing, with makeups afterwards as needed

### **Volunteers Needed (10min):**

- Skate City night on March 16th help with decorating before the event 5:30pm and clean up at 8pm. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45ada829a13-hamilton2>
- School Dance- March 25th?
- Multicultural Night/Showcase will be May 10th in the evening

**Staff Appreciation:(10 Minutes)**

- Stock the Breakroom for March staff appreciation - Deets and Sign ups will be sent out. Asking for parents to donate snack items for staff. Collection will be done March 16th and 17th in the office. Perishable items will be provided after Spring Break.
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4eaba62aa7f49-stock>

**Misc. (10 min)**

**General Feedback Session/ Q & A: (10 minutes)**

**Next meeting: April 13th, 2022 5:30 - 6:45 pm**

**Adjourned at 6:42**