

Worthington Hooker PTA Meeting Minutes December 5, 2018

Officers present: Gurvich, Delaney, Roumani, Rosen-Gallagher, Roginsky, Geertz,
Mowafi Staff present: Gethings, Aiello, Ackerman, Hart, Stein, Light

Meeting called to order
6.03

Volunteer Appreciation: many, many thanks to Anna Festa and Melissa Motto, as well as Lani, Chris, and Troy, for efforts on behalf of the PTA Gala at mActivity. Though numbers aren't final yet we're anticipating gross income of ~\$9K.

163 Pizza is doing an 8th grade fundraiser on December 6th, which is very generous of them (10% of all all orders received that day go toward funding the Disney trip).

Treasurer's Report: We're still 16 parents short of our PTA membership goal. We need to generate a "sustainers" group of people making donations. The PTA and teachers are trying to leverage donation funds — matching donations (something companies are sometimes willing to do).

Events: There will be a JOINT Winter Coat Project with East Rock Magnet School (ERMS) on the 13th. They do an annual Winter Festival of Lights, and this will be merged with the Coat Project. Jackets, scarves, snow leggings, etc. should be donated into bins at the lower and upper Hooker Schools. Event the 13th, 5.30-7 p.m. Revels will be held the 19th — volunteers needed. Online Social Media event to be held on Jan. 22, 2019. Lunar New Year event to be held Jan. 26, 2019, volunteers needed. ONGOING/TO BE FIGURED OUT: Black History Month — meeting already in place to happen Dec. 6.

SPMT: We will have students joining to SPMT starting this month (one student from both 7th and 8th grades), and also school staff members (custodial) plan to join. The SPMT is still agreed that issues/questions remain as to how to settle the crucial tutoring issue. Currently in "needs assessment" phase. Discussion of reviving the International Day Potluck. ABAR group is doing a survey to see what students and teachers want to do, working with them. Discussion of safety/security issues.

Advocacy: A letter has been sent to Dr. Tamiko Jackson to put in place a more open/transparent process for principal selections in the future. Next Board of Ed meeting will be Mon., Dec. 10, 5.30 @ Celentano. Parents should please attend. Thurs. Dec. 20: City Wide Parent Team meets @ 6.00 @ Cross.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Gethings marks her 7th day at the school with this meeting. Is working

hard to get a sense of school's strengths/weaknesses; most mentioned issue: bonding the two buildings together. Discusses events planned to assist with that project. Large-scale discussion of school rules and how students need to abide by those rules (in re: early morning arrival, cafeteria @ lunchtime, behavior in hallways during school day). Discussion of expectations; role modeling. Q & A with Gethings: discussion of perhaps too heavy an emphasis on school rules.

Meeting adjourned 7.30. Next meeting: Jan 16, 2019.