

**Worthington Hooker PTA Minutes**  
**13 June 2019**

Officers Present: Roumani; Geertz; Mowafi; Roginsky; Rosen-Gallagher; M. Delaney  
Staff Present: Ackerman; Gethings  
Meeting called to order, 6.05.  
Minutes approved.

**ASP Report:** Lani notes the year has ended well. The soccer program has been particularly successful and we plan to do it again next year. There is a new, paid position managing the ASP, and the person hired is Claire Rowe (Hooker parent, frequent volunteer for events etc.) She will be primary contact/mgr./admin for ASP. The summer “bridge” program for ASP can run until 5 p.m., will be held at Cross/East Rock Park.

**Grounds/Garden:** Mike Pinto (at BoE) and Mike Delaney have developed a system for flagging areas not to be touched by Dept. of Public Works or similar. Discussion of concerns about glass rising up from the fill on the grounds at Upper Schooll. Gethings suggests that parents contact BoE as this is a **SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE**. Site basically needs to be re-graded, excavated. People to contact: Birks; Pinto.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Hani reports: Good news, which is, We are dramatically head of budget, mostly because of programs. We’re unfortunately seeing monies that DIDN’T get spent on enrichment programs during the year, like the math tutor monies that didn’t get spent because the person we hired suffered ill health and had to step down and was never replaced. Fundraising income came in at only 66% of budget. We are at NET \$52K, which will lower as end-of-year receipts come in. Invoice from Coach Nate (soccer): \$2925. Discussion: Can we follow next year’s budget using this year’s as a model? Decision: YES. Point of interest: research tells us we can legally offer PTA officers and volunteer staff (such as language teachers) UP TO 20% DISCOUNT on ASP without affecting our tax situation.

**Motion to accept creation of new Officer position: Teacher Representative. Approved. Jessica Light accepts position.**

**Officers for 2019-2020: Nominations:**

Eva Geertz — Secretary	Dina Roginsky — Language Programs
Hilary Delaney — Treasurer	Valerie Horsley — Advocacy
Shawana Snell — Advocacy	Lani Rosen-Gallagher — Programs
Mike Delaney — Programs	
Caleb Kleppner and Rhonda Roumani — Co-Presidents Fall 2019, with replacement for Roumani to be found for Spring 2020.	

**Principal’s Report/SPMT Report:** Year ending well. Much community service — local soup kitchens, IRIS, Mary Wade. Book Bowl — Mrs. Hart to be commended for continuing program. Instructional shift for grades 5 & 6: 4 teachers will work with the kids, not just 2. Homeroom will include writing but writing will also be cross-disciplinary. SPMT hopes to have Room Parents to communicate with PTA so two groups can work more closely. Vertical class team experiences have been extremely successful and we want to bring that into instructional moments. Intervention/enrichment issues have to be resolved somehow. Issues with this numerous, and include very nuts-and-bolts factors like how to schedule this into already awkward days.

Two vacancies: 1 math coach, 1 ESL teacher. Concerns about enrollment process are discussed. BoE confirms that Mr. Middleton (Choice in Enrollment officer), K. Hannans, and A. Festa will be meeting to discuss out of district enrollments, some of which are currently believed to be fraudulent or otherwise problematic.

Meeting adjourned, 7.30  
Submitted,  
E. Geertz

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Secretary