

Frances Harper Junior High Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes November 7th, 2024 – 7pm – Virtual

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- I. Call to Order 7:05 pm – Ashley Burdorf
- II. Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Jenny Sindel, 2nd by Ian Pund, passed unanimously.
- III. Principal's Report
 - Program planning and parent information earlier this year. Counselors will be going into classrooms in Decembers and course request sheets will be due in February
 - Harper Hearts on going. PTO will support shopping and gift wrapping
 - Around the same numbers of families as typical
- IV. Counselor's Report
 - Conducting 504 meetings
 - Checking in with students on 4 year planning
 - Starting 2nd DBT group.
 - Youth Truth survey went out this week
 - Parents can take the survey as well, look for emails.
- V. Teacher's Report

Greg Brucker – Music Department

 - Hired Oscar Garaby, who is leading Mariachi for Harper. Oscar is a professional trumpet player and mariachi performer himself. First Harper performance is 2 weeks from today
 - Music program doing well. Now that we are 4 years past the COVID disruption, elementary music programs are back up and running and kids are coming to Harper with past experience in music.
 - TK through 3rd grade music program started recently is great for Davis kids, funded by prop 28.
 - Hoping to rebuild Harper choir program soon. There is an all-city choir with 4th-6th grade kids.
 - Choir expected to be on the course request sheet

Mr. McKim

 - Halloween Dance and spirit weeks were great
 - Pre-pandemic expectations for kids in both behavior and academics
 - Appreciate PTO support with feeding teachers, helping with BTSN and Grants.
 - Thank you for PTO support for Science

- Underfunded school district – only providing \$3.50 in support for science enrichment from district. With PTO support, that support is more than doubled.

VI. Grants

- Some teachers need the money upfront.
- Christa will send out the spreadsheet and Ian will issue the check
- Will be publishing donation letter for science to support further enrichment activities, like the mobile planetarium for 8th grade students, and the raptor center coming in for 7th and 9th grade students
- 2 experts in fish came in and brought salmon in for free to dissect.
- 8th grade students have learned how to be busen burner experts
- Friends of Harper and Tree Harper award winning programs that have been recognized by Cal Fire, Western States Urban Foresters and Tree Davis. Meetings for Tree harper are Mondays at lucnyh and Fridays after school. Kids can get community service hours for helping out. Beard fundraising campaign will happen in December.

VII. Treasurer Report

- Received \$800 in Venmo for the Grant sign-up genius
- Nugget donated \$35 from Scrips

VIII. Fundraising Report

- Chipotle Fundrasier raised \$335. Not sure what the Blaze fundraiser raised yet.
- On 11/19, the local kitchens will be donating 25% proceeds for Harper.

IX. Hospitality Report

- Wednesday the 20th would be ideal for soup potluck. Checking with Sandy on the date.
- Soups were great last year.
- Provide ingredients list. Would be fun if the parents could also share their recipes.
- February planning on doing boxes of treats, combination of home baked, and store bought.
 - A few vegan, 1 gluten-free staff
 - Katie will let Ashely know if there are any additional allergies.

X. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm