

Minutes HFE PTO Board Meeting March 10, 2021 at 6:30

Google Meet link: [meet.google.com/ohr-zbnz-mak](https://meet.google.com/ohr-zbnz-mak)

- Check-in
  - In attendance: (HFE) Rebecca Strimer, Lindsay Pharr, Samantha Erway, Erin Connors, Liz Rumbough, Diana Nickell, Libby O'Bryan, Morgen Kawaguchi
  - (APS) Courtney Sullivan, Leslie Blaich, Veronica Sotolongo, Michele Hower, Melissa R, Jessica deBettencourt, Lara Lustig, Chase Hager,
  - (staff) Shauntey Jives, Trinette Beck, Carrie Buchanan joining at 8:00 pm
  
- APS & HFE
  - Update from Mrs. Buchanan on plans for moving the Montessori program to HFE
  - Ms Buchanan was able to join later at around 8:00 pm
    - Questions to be addressed
      - How many students will be enrolled in the Montessori Program in 2021-22? Specifically how many new preK & Kindergarten students?
      - If there are not enough spots for Pre-K or K at HFE, will students be allowed to enroll in the Montessori Program?
      - What space would the Montessori Program be utilizing? 4 total classrooms
        - Moving towards more integration?
        - 2 Montessori classrooms will be on the first floor in the Art Room, AIG, Speech, and then 2 also on the kindergarten hallway
        - The STEAM lab will be upstairs, new carpet, paint, furniture from APS, shelving, cabinets, grant \$ from ACS Foundation, district will give money for this room (materials, robotics)
          - These items could change before the fall
      - Would PTO/PTC be combining? Could possibly be healing and uniting.
        - Possible subcommittee for Montessori Program
      - Concerns about combining efforts/finances/organizations (PTO/PTC wise)
      - Concerns around the dynamics of HFE being a lower-enrolled school vs a small school with a wait list
      - What will the name of the school and program be?
      - What will happen to the staff at APS and HFE when schools are combined?
      - What after school program from APS Tempo if they are moving to HallFletcher? Roots and Wings?
    - Ideas for thoughtful engagement for families and community building for our school

Communication with Ms Buchanan about possible pathways for communicating the answers to these questions. Personnel and staffing concerns will be addressed directly with those individuals .

Ideas around financial resources for schools-- will there be enough to support the Montessori Program?

- Treasurer Report
  - \$4300 remain left for Teacher Support
  - Lots of money to spend to support our teachers
  - Concerns about combining efforts/finances/organizations
  - How can we continue to support teachers as best we can
  
- Return to building - updates and support ideas
  - Everyone appears to be happy
  - Ms Jives bought snacks for this week but has not had to use them yet.
  - Will resend email hyperlink google form to request PTO funding
  - Do we have enough Outdoor Classroom spaces? Does the school need money?
  
- Election planning
  - March/April should prepare for election for new officers
  - Sign up for PTO Board member elections
  - Add announcements to newsletter and social media
  
- Garden programming - Ms. Summer
  - How can we help? Looking for summer volunteers?
  
- Outdoor class grant opportunity
  - Bountiful Cities is aware of a county grant to create outdoor space
  - Lucy Herring (formerly Vance) has an 2 outdoor shades that come out twice a year
    - Outdoor picnic tables- heavy duty
    - This would be great for HFE
  - Go ahead and apply for this with communication with Ms Quinn, Mr Newkirk
  
- Other officer reports
  - Samantha--Ms Rector requested coffee for March, April, May
    - Incite for March
    - Grind for April and May
  
- Possible automated hand sanitizer once they are in the classroom-
  - Would most likely be approved by this PTO