



PTA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
6:30pm, Hanawalt Art Room

Attendees:

Heather Welch Puri  
Mike Bell  
Carrie Naumann  
Andi Franks  
LeAnn Thongvanh  
Lindi Nelson

Eric Lovell  
Judi Mireles  
Meredith Bell  
Chelsea Killins  
Beth Nordmeyer  
Rose Green

1. Call to Order at 6:34pm – Heather Welch Puri, President
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2017; motion by Judi Mireles, second by Carrie Naumann.
4. DMPS Community Action Legislative Team (CLAT) – Kelli Soyer  
CLAT was formed by the DMPS School Board and is made up of volunteers wanting to advocate at the capitol on behalf of DMPS. CLAT educates members and the public about how the legislature's action (or inaction) affects DMPS.

2017 Priorities: the top three issues for DMPS in 2017 are extending the SAVE penny sales tax for schools, expanding preschool access for kids in poverty, and adjusting ELL weighted funding from 5-year to 7-year eligibility.

- **SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) penny sales tax** funds school infrastructure (construction, repairs, renovations), security updates and technology. DMPS has reached the limit of bonds it can issue under the current 2029 sunset provision. The proposed bill would extend the sunset to 2050. If sunset not extended, property taxes will need to increase to pay for infrastructure issues/repairs. House bill related to SAVE penny sales tax is **HF 230**.
- **Expanded Preschool Funding for Children in Poverty.** CLAT wants to see an increase in the weighted funding in the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) for children living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$40,180 for a family of three). This would allow flexible spending of preschool dollars to enhance DMPS' ability to meet the diverse and unique needs of the district. House bill related to Extended Preschool Funding is **HF 25**.
- **Expanded Support for English Language Learners (ELL).** Bill would extend the length of eligible funding for ELL students from 5 years to 7 years. Senate bill related to Expanded Support for ELL is **SF 150**.

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CLAT hosts coffees with legislators the third Saturday of each month at Hubbell Elementary library from 9-10am. ALL ARE WELCOME!

CLAT encourages everyone to reach out to their legislators, voice their opinions and support of these bills. A list of all DM-area legislators in the Iowa House and Senate, along with a short bio and their email addresses, was handed out, along with additional information on each of DMPS' three legislative priorities for 2017.

#### 5. Treasurer report – Heather for McB McManus, Treasurer

- All the iPads we promised to buy for kindergarten and first grade have been purchased. Funds raised for the spring kickball game will go toward that expense.
- After expenses, Movie Night and the Silent Auction raised over \$4,000.
  - Several experiences have slots remaining that can be included in Parents' Night Out auction.
  - Thank You notes have been distributed to teachers.
  - Receipts will go out to families in the coming weeks.
- About \$1,500 of spirit wear was sold at Movie Night, and more is available. Spirit wear will be available to purchase through PTA website soon and will be sold at spring events (PNO, Field Days, etc.).
- \$250 in Hanawalt bricks was sold at Movie Night. Bricks will be available to purchase through PTA website soon and will be sold at spring events (PNO, Field Days, etc.).
- During the first three weeks of February, Coins for Creativity has raised \$799.15 to support A Day in the Arts. The last collection day is this Friday, 2/24/17.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	Friday, 2/3/17	Friday, 2/10/17	Friday, 2/17/17	<b>CLASS TOTAL</b>
		<b><u>Week 1</u> Total</b>	<b><u>Week 2</u> Total</b>	<b><u>Week 3</u> Total</b>	
5	Gillaspey	\$11.13	\$97.76	\$5.13	\$114.02
1	Beeman	\$11.41	\$42.34	\$37.91	\$91.66
4	Esch	\$34.93	\$37.51	\$14.77	\$87.21
K	Linebaugh	\$26.28	\$34.50	\$11.65	\$72.43
1	Roth-Rauen	\$26.10	\$18.07	\$10.50	\$54.67
1	Miller	\$15.95	\$7.91	\$24.84	\$48.70
4	Peterson	\$27.63	\$0.27	\$14.78	\$42.68
3	Frangenberg	\$6.24	\$23.81	\$12.20	\$42.25
3	Hesse	\$9.15	\$17.43	\$13.42	\$40.00
2	Von Arb	\$30.15	\$5.19	\$2.59	\$37.93
K	Carpenter	\$0.00	\$12.92	\$23.95	\$36.87
2	Nordmeyer	\$13.19	\$10.02	\$4.81	\$28.02
4	Tyler	\$11.01	\$5.56	\$11.19	\$27.76
5	Killins	\$15.18	\$8.92	\$3.51	\$27.61
2	Tutt	\$3.33	\$1.72	\$19.45	\$24.50
3	Kempton	\$17.65	\$3.21	\$1.98	\$22.84
K	Mosher	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$259.33	\$327.14	\$212.68	\$799.15

Question to be posed to Kelly as to what the 'winning' classroom earns – special games/activities outside like was done last year?

## 6. PTA Activities / Program Reports

### **HEAT / Parents for Great Iowa Schools** – Rose Green, Chair

PGIS has shifted gears from school funding levels to **Education Savings Accounts** (ESAs / vouchers / education savings grants). **ESAs are state taxpayer dollars that are diverted away from public schools and all other state funded programs to subsidize nonpublic schools, private institutions, or home schools.** However, although these nonpublic schools receive taxpayer funds, they are not subject to the same regulations/assessments and accountability factors as public schools. Over \$52M in Iowa taxpayer funds is already provided to nonpublic schools. Funds received as ESA grants for nonpublic school children would be in addition to the \$52M already received.

Legislators need to know NOW that you are opposed to any bill – the current Senate bill 29 or House file 9 or any other new bill being considered – that uses your state tax dollars to fund any ESA/voucher program. **92% of Iowa's K-12 students attend public schools.** For 7 of the 8 last years, Iowa public school funding has seen increases *below* the cost of inflation. The insufficient funding has forced cuts at the local level, including staff reductions and elimination of programs, leading to larger class sizes and consolidation of rural schools. Public taxpayer money needs to fund public schools.

For more information and facts on ESAs, please go to [www.ParentsforGreatIowaSchools.com](http://www.ParentsforGreatIowaSchools.com) or visit PGIS' Facebook page.

### **Auction/PNO Update** – Kate Byus, Chair

PNO coming up on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Waveland Golf Course Clubhouse. Committees are working on auction items, grade level art projects (to auction off), communications, event details. More information will be coming soon via flyers and newsletter.

### **Other Updates:**

- **Yearbooks!** – flyers for yearbook orders will be distributed to classrooms soon. Pricing remains the same as last year at \$20, with personalized yearbooks at \$25. The deadline to place orders is March 29<sup>th</sup>. Yearbooks will then arrive the 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.
- **KidStriders Program Update** – Students starting to log miles at recess again! Remember to turn in At-Home Mileage Logs. Also, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders can log miles in the gym from 7:30-8:00am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Grand Blue Mile is coming up on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. 29 students have already qualified for the Victory Run!
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration** – will take place on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Photos for 5<sup>th</sup> grade slideshow should be emailed to Beth Brinsfield ([ebrinsfield@earthlink.net](mailto:ebrinsfield@earthlink.net))

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- **Spanish Club** – offered through The Language Project (TLP). Registration is ongoing. Questions? Contact Sarah Voss ([sarah@vossintl.com](mailto:sarah@vossintl.com))
- **Chess Club** –Chess Club meets every Friday morning from 7:30-8:00am in the art room. Questions? Contact Christy Antoniou ([cantoniou8@gmail.com](mailto:cantoniou8@gmail.com))

## 7. Upcoming Dates to Note

<b>Mar 10-17</b>	Spring Break
<b>Mar 23</b>	Spring Pictures (casual)
<b>Mar 29</b>	Yearbook order deadline
<b>Apr 3-7</b>	Iowa Assessment testing for 3rd-5th graders
<b>April 4</b>	PTA general meeting from 6:30-7:30pm in Hanawalt art room. PTA Exec and committee chairs to meet beforehand from 6:00-6:30pm.
<b>April 7</b>	Parents' Night Out (w/silent auction of grade-level art projects and family experience items) at Waveland Golf Course Clubhouse
<b>April 21</b>	A Day In The Arts (ADITA)
<b>April 25</b>	Grand Blue Mile - KidStriders Victory Run
<b>May 1-5</b>	Teacher appreciation week
<b>May 8-18</b>	MAP and FAST testing
<b>May 9</b>	PTA meeting 6:30-7:30pm in art room
<b>May 19</b>	3rd-5th grades Bloomcamp Relays - rain date May 25th
<b>May 22</b>	K-2nd grades Fun Day (relays) - rain date May 26th
<b>May 23</b>	2nd Kick Ball Game (fundraising period: May 10-19th)
<b>May 26</b>	5th Grade Celebration – 1:30pm

8. Volunteer Opportunities – Visit [www.hanawaltcommunity.com](http://www.hanawaltcommunity.com) and click on the SignUp Genius button on the home or volunteer page for current opportunities, including:

### **Recess Shifts for KidStriders**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445adac2c7-recess>

\*\*PTA needs a volunteer to co-chair the **Hanawalt Book Swap!** Please let Heather know if you're interested 😊

9. Adjourn – 7:50pm

Please visit [www.hanawaltcommunity.com](http://www.hanawaltcommunity.com) for more information!!

**\*\*\*NOTE: Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2017. (No meeting in March!)  
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