

HSC General Meeting

Wednesday February 9, 5-6pm

[Link to meeting slides](#)

Approved January meeting notes

Upcoming events

- Movie Night (Marcy 4) voting is still open (Encanto is winning so far!) - no decision yet whether food will be offered - will update everyone in a week or so.
- Note about Restaurant Night (Feb. 17): we usually have one or two months
- Panther Prowl (April 22) is our second-largest fundraiser:
 - Theme will be space
 - Slogan will be "Panthers go beyond!"
 - Corporate sponsorship is being led by Alicia Parquette

Volunteering opportunities

- ABC Reader Program - social & emotional learning opportunity for kids:
 - Matt Drance has emailed parents who have committed to participating in the program.
 - If interested, reach out to your class teacher to see if their class will be participating and whether they need a volunteer
 - Need to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 plus valid tuberculosis (TB) test for in-class volunteering

Farm Fresh to You

- New fundraising program started this year
- Note: You can customize the contents of your Farm Fresh box

Moreland Education Foundation update (Melissa Rhyne)

- Founded in 1993 as a group of volunteers
- MEF fundraises to provide resources to support the entire school district:
 - Music in Moreland (about 20% of the program)
 - Sports in Moreland (about 65% of the program)
 - STEAM activities (\$2,000 per school)
 - Zero Period Electives (at all middle schools) - classes before or after the school day
 - New: Will be supporting district-wide after-school enrichment programs in the next school year
 - Also new: Raising money for dedicated staff position at district office to coordinate resource needs for each school
- MEF contributions to Moreland School District have gone down of the past couple of years due to decreased donations
 - One major goal for 2021/22 is to increase donations back up to what we were at in the past by engaging with broader community
- MEF 5K event on March 20, focused on family engagement and getting out there and moving:
 - Route will be from Moreland Middle School field to Latimer School and back

- Note from Principal Katie Berg about some of the MEF-funded programs at Payne:
 - 4th and 5th grade music programs, including recorders
 - STEAM funding for kinder dance program, items for STEAM lab, assemblies
 - MEF grants for flexible furniture in classrooms and for the Spanish/English bilingual library

Principal's report

- COVID update:
 - Numbers way down since January, more students back at school
 - Suspended Flex group reading and intervention programs during surge, but they're returning this week
 - Reminder to test children weekly for COVID
 - Putting new protocols in place next week, more info coming soon - one facet will be that we'll return to sending exposure notices to families if there are positive cases in classrooms
- Staffing updates:
 - Title I funding used to increase Denise Advincula's days from three to four per week (Tuesday to Friday) - just for this school year
 - Kassie Gray will work on Mondays:
 - Background: Kassie does a job-share (Thu/Fri) in one of the third grade classes. Has a background in sports and coaching, and excels in social/emotional work.
 - She'll be helping on Mondays to implement new social/emotional programs on campus and also work on the recess program, implementing the recommendations made by Playworks (including 4th/5th grade soccer, introducing new field game every week)
 - Note: Playworks will bring more blacktop games in coming weeks
- Other things coming up:
 - Read Across America week in the first week of March
 - Dairy cow coming for assembly!
 - Bringing state testing back this year in California for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. They'll take place in class, on computers, in May. A new to all students currently at Payne, so we'll start talking about it in the lead-up.

Q&A

- (Positive feedback and appreciation expressed for school and H&SC)
- Concerned about the safety of kids around school and on the roads leading to the school. Glad to see police officers posted at crossings. Request stern communication from school to parents about what is safe and acceptable behavior.
 - Katie Berg: Safety issues were noticed; sun hits drivers' eyes at this time of year. Included school dropoff/pickup safety reminder in the last Payne Panther Newsletter.
- Is the playground going to open back up for after-school use?
 - Katie Berg: After 4:30pm it is open to the public. On the "upper" side, the after-school program is still going but they will sometimes let kids play there if they're behaving. At a certain point when it gets dark, the gates get locked for safety reasons. Payne will be getting exterior lighting refurbished to improve lighting after dark.