

HS&C General Meeting

Wednesday Aug. 24, 2022

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HSC president's report (Ankur Groen)

- Introduced the executive board members
 - Presidents: Rashida Rajgara & Ankur Groen
 - Vice President: Jessica Bladen
 - Secretaries: Tracy Chalmers & Danielle Patterson
- Introduced two new co-treasurer volunteers
- Vote: Two new co-treasurers to join the board
 - Doron Levi (Co-Treasurer)
 - Olympia Bliss (Co-Treasurer)
- Result: Approved
- Presidents and Co-Treasurers have signature access to all bank accounts.
- Presidents have Executive access to bank accounts

Volunteering & events (Ankur Groen)

- HS&C Support Drive starts next week - it's one of our main sources of income
- We really need the support of parent volunteers to help make our events and programs happen
- There are additional volunteering roles that are open for Walk N Roll (every Wednesday), Movie Night (event), managing the marquis board (noticeboard at the front of the school - ongoing), as well as roles for each classroom (Art in Action, Project Cornerstone & Room Parents) - see the [recent HSC newsletter](#) for details

Treasurer's report (Rashida Rajgara)

- This year's budget was approved for \$75,300
- Main expenses broken down into three sections:
 - Student enrichment
 - Payne support
 - HSC operation and student gifts
- Main income sources are the annual HSC Support Drive and the annual Panther Prowl Walkathon
 - The more we raise, the more we can put toward student enrichment and Payne support
- Last May we approved funds for the development of the Outdoor Classroom area (outside the library) for \$15,000 but the estimated cost is about \$17,000 so will need to additional funds in the near future

Principal's report (Katie Berg)

- Focusing a lot on behavior expectations at the start of the school year
- Big thank-you to all the staff behind the scenes who are critical to being able to open the school
- Volunteer & visitor requirements - a review:
 - A volunteer is someone who consistently comes to the school or a classroom (e.g. Art in Action volunteer or someone volunteering for a field trip): they are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (only need to show your vaccination

record to the office once) or to arrive early to do a COVID-19 test before they can enter the classroom

- A visitor is anyone who comes to the site for a one-time event (e.g. welcome coffee on the first day).
- We do a school-wide project-based learning (PBL) activity every year. This year we're all reading a book and learning about what it means to have a passion. Students pick a passion that they do a project about. At back-to-school night you'll see the results of those projects. We encourage you to discuss your dreams and passions and the roads to achieving them with your kids!
- iReady Diagnostic Assessment:
 - This year our district has adopted a new assessment which takes the place of Study Island
 - iReady is a tech-based program, used in K-5 for math and 3-5 for reading
 - iReady is completely adaptive: e.g. if you answer a question right and it's easy, the next one will be harder - they'll keep getting harder as you answer them correctly until you get to the point where you don't know the answer. The message to students is that this is OK - the program is just learning what level their knowledge is at and will adjust the questions accordingly
 - Will share results with parents. It isn't a pass/fail, but rather a way to show us what students have learned
 - Question: Will teachers be able to provide enrichment for kids who are running ahead?
 - Answer from Katie: They always do - it's always been a practise at Payne, while also balancing the need to introduce Grade-level material so that students who are ahead are still getting the fundamentals of the material (making sure they understand the basics to build from)

Note: Next month's meeting will be in person. But we'll be changing the cadence of in-person meetings - in the past we alternated between in-person and online, but we'll now be holding one in-person meeting per quarter while the rest will be on Zoom.