

HSC General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022

[Link to meeting slides](#)

HSC President's Report (Rashida Rajgara on behalf of president)

- Movie night (Oct. 14)
 - Will take place at the Moreland Woods amphitheater where MEF is holding a pumpkin patch event
 - Parents attending the meeting can vote for their favorite movie by ballot
- Staff training day (Oct. 7)
 - Signup form will go out on Wednesday (or you can click the link on the slide) to help bring breakfast to the school for the staff
- Panther Prowl Walkathon
 - We need volunteers for a variety of roles
 - Question: What time is it?
 - Answer: Time slot depends on grade. K/1st are in the first time slot before recess, 2nd/3rd are next after recess, then 4th/5th after lunch.
- HSC General Meeting from Aug. 24
 - Vote, by show of hands, to approve notes
 - Result: Approved
- HSC ad hoc emails to parents via MailChimp
 - HSC is using MailChimp to send time-sensitive communications to parents (who have agreed to be contacted) that can't wait for the next bi-weekly newsletter
 - An email was sent on Sunday, Sept. 18, at about 4:10pm. If you didn't see it, please check your junk folder or, in Gmail, check the "Promotions" tab. The email sender name will show as "Payne Home & School Club" and the subject line was "Message from Payne Home and School Club."

Treasurer's report (Rashida on behalf of our treasurers)

- (See meeting slides for details)

Principal's report (Katie Berg)

- Family Math Night on Sept. 28, 6-7 p.m.
 - Please bring your kids!
 - Each grade level has their own room, so you will be learning things specific to your child's grade level
 - Learn math games to play with your child
 - Raffles in every room
 - The Google Form to sign up is to help staff gauge numbers – you can still turn up without registering
- Payne is a Title I school
 - This means that a portion of the student population is entitled to free lunch

- Please complete the survey that was shared - even if you know that your family wouldn't qualify, we need everyone to complete it
- Criteria to qualify as a Title I school are getting harder and we're right on the border for next year
- Title I schools are given additional funding, with parameters around how to spend it to serve Title I students
- (Handed out an in-person survey to attending parents asking what their preferred methods of communication are)
- School Site Council
 - The council is a very small group of parents and staff members (about 3-4 of each)
 - They meet 3-4 times per year via Zoom after school (3:15 p.m.) - the meetings are very quick and easy
 - They help direct the school plan, which lays out where every dollar goes, who it helps, what our goals are, etc.
 - We ask (tentatively) for a two-year commitment, but you can also stay longer than two years
- Moreland School District recently emailed about the Care Solace Partnership
 - Organization that helps students and families connect with mental health resources
 - Reach out to Katie and she can refer you over to Care Solace; it's all confidential from there
 - They do all the searching for you; they take out the administrative work of searching for providers that accept your insurance, etc.
- Ways to support your child in school
 - Monitor your child's progress
 - Most important is having a "how are you doing?" conversation for Elementary students
 - Reading at home
 - Get involved - at home (by having conversations with your child) and as a volunteer
 - Attend parent teacher conferences - coming up in November
 - (A handout was distributed to parent attendees with more tips on how to support your child)
 - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is the behavior support system that Payne has been using for years
 - E.g. teachers meet before school starts to lay down the rules for the playground, down to the fine details of how to fairly and safely use equipment. Then they held playground meetings with students to let them know the rules.
 - In classrooms, teachers start with our five principles to be safe, responsible, respectful, resilient, and kind

- They learn there are five expectations (posted in library and in classrooms), phrased as behaviors they should exhibit (rather than “what not to do”)
- We also have a Panther Pact for every area in the school and there’s a video that’s shown in every classroom that goes over these (handout shared of the Panther Pacts to attending parents)
- We also teach problem-solving strategies:
 - Say “stop” (e.g. sometimes the other child is just having fun and doesn’t know that you’re being bothered, so communicating that you want them to stop is an important skill)
 - Walk away (e.g. explain “I don’t like the way you’re playing so I’m going to walk away” and then walk away)
 - Talk to an adult (i.e. if the above two steps don’t work, talk to a teacher)
- If the above approaches are not working, we give students reminders and little lessons. For repeated or large acts, students will go to the office. We don’t believe that instant punitive consequences work; we take a restorative approach.
 - Office staff members work hard to build those relationships with the students. They know and trust the staff; they know that they care.
 - Taking attendance seriously is important – including not being tardy. Missing parts of class can be difficult for students.
- When your child is struggling...
 - One tip for upper grade students is to help your child email their own teacher if they are struggling or need help – this is a skill that will be needed as they progress to higher grades
 - (See slides for more)

English classes for adults (Malaya Goris)

- Moreland School District is offering English classes to adult family members of students for many different levels: beginner (cannot understand most English), beginner-to-intermediate (can understand, but it’s difficult), and intermediate-to-advanced (can hold a conversation but need to work on grammar and punctuation)
- Brand new this year is an advanced book club where attendees can read books that introduce them to American literature (including literature that’s taught in the schools our students are attending)
- You can take more than one class
- Please spread the word to other people you know
- Starting on Monday, but people can join late
- More information [here](#)