



School Family & Community Council Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

3:00 pm - Room 311

- **Attendees:**

- See sign-in sheets.

- **Notes:**

- Circle responses and introductions.
- Visiting Speaker: Emma Soukup, Program and Volunteer Coordinator of Friends of Patterson Park
 - Started as a volunteer organization in the community centered around safety and organizing. Not a part of Rec & Park, but do work side-by-side with them.
 - The program does not receive any money from the government, and is mainly run with volunteering and donations.
 - Friends of Patterson Park is organized into three main branches:
 - Programs- Zumba etc.
 - Stewardships- Tree care, park cleanup, and observatory maintenance.
 - Volunteers can support pre-organized events
 - Corporations and school groups can also initiate cleanup events for volunteer hours/service learning hours.
 - The program welcomes volunteers of all ages, and provides opportunities for service learning hours. Visit <https://pattersonpark.com/volunteer> or email Emma at Emma@PattersonPark.com for more information.
 - Events
 - All events are all free, except for the two yearly fundraisers.
 - List of events can be viewed here: <https://pattersonpark.com/parkcalendar>

- SY25-26 Community Budget Review, Matt Hornbeck
 - Today's meeting serves as the third budget meeting where the submitted budget is reviewed.
 - All staff positions will be retained next year, with 2 additional positions. Currently hiring teachers for next year, and new staff will be announced in the May newsletter.
 - With added positions for pull out groups, the goal is to have no more than 32 students in core classes.
 - Budget has been submitted, and we are waiting for approval from the City.
 - Briefly discussed budget formulas and how staffing will be used to address large class sizes and schoolwide goals.

- Potential Calendar Changes from School-Based Option (SBO)
 - Each year, HHA is given the option to change our school calendar.
 - This process was delayed this year due to waiting for BCPSS final approved calendar for 2025-26 school year.
 - Management and labor have met and agreed on proposed changes.
 - HHA staff will be voting on the proposed changes that would change some student/staff days off. Once voting is completed, we will send it to the district for approval.

- Review Proposed SFC Council Bylaws
 - We will revisit these at the next meeting. We would like to send a huge shoutout to Jil Krause for her input and collaboration!

- Community Concerns
 - Free/low-cost summer programming for grades 2-6
 - While summer school is free, other summer programs (FFG & Busy Bees) have a sliding scale for payment. Scholarships are also available. Families are welcome to reach out to admin if they have financial concerns. There is also a no cost program for middle schoolers run by Mr. White in the summer.
 - Support for immigrant families-
 - A flyer in English and Spanish will be distributed to families by the end of this week. It will include all of the information families may need in the event of an ICE raid. The Maryland ICE representative stated that ICE has not been in schools, but it remains a concern. We are working with CASA

to help support the immigrant community. Attendance has not been impacted.

- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEIC)
 - No updates.
- Student Outcomes Committee (SOC)/Student Government Association (SGA)
 - Organizing middle schoolers to talk to younger students about correct use of feminine hygiene products.
- Wellness Committee
 - The last winter event, tote bag decorating, is coming up for staff.
 - Spring events will be planned upon Mr. Plunk's return.
- PTO
 - The B3 event is on April 5th at 6:00 in the new gym. Tickets are available now, and the PTO is still looking for volunteers.
 - Please check the Link Tree for volunteer opportunities.
 - There are also opportunities for businesses or large groups to purchase VIP tables.
- Announcements
 - Families will be able to exit the back door of the gym starting tomorrow, 3/20.
 - The final inspection of the new space will be on 3/20.
 - The new gym will be used for B3.
 - The new gym will begin to be used by students for gym, arrival and dismissal approximately two weeks after spring break.