

# ELIOT-HINE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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## Eliot-Hine PTO Meeting Minutes March 8, 2017 | 6 PM | Media Center

The February 2017 PTO minutes were amended to show the school has an existing climate and culture committee, and were then approved.

1. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Projects - Ms. Watson
  - This is the third year for the projects
  - The majority of the students haven't started their projects yet
  - The 8<sup>th</sup> grade advisory will now be used to help the 8<sup>th</sup> graders focus on group community projects.
  - It was recognized that improvements are needed next year in implementation of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade projects. Ms. Vargas believes having an IB coordinator next year will help, and also thinks the librarian may be able to assist more next year with the projects.
2. Science Lab Supplies - Ms. Morgan
  - The list of lab supplies was submitted to Ms. Gordon, and they were ordered and received.
  - Some of the supplies are on backorder, and are expected to arrive by June.
3. Grants (Capitol Hill Community Foundation and ANC)
  - Discussion of school needs included:
    - o Spanish books
    - o Music supplies
    - o Art supplies
    - o Laminator
    - o Paper, dry erase markers, and pencils
  - We discussed applying for a CHCF grant for Spanish books, music and art supplies (including a laminator)
  - We discussed the PTA purchasing paper, dry erase markers, and pencils for the school.
4. Spanish Teacher
  - A Spanish teacher has not been hired.
5. School-year Calendar
  - The need for a school calendar was discussed. Opportunities for students to compete in city-wide programs like the Science Fair and National History Day were missed because deadlines to enter these city-wide programs were missed.
  - Over the summer, there needs to be a calendar created that identifies important city-wide and other dates, and the internal school-wide deadlines that have to be met.
6. Communication

- Because of the number of students who come are in transitional housing, it was recommended that the school make an effort to post information about important school events at the DC General Shelter.
7. Artistic Impressions
    - LaVee Jenkins won the Martin Luther King Artistic Impressions contest. She received \$25 for her entry.
    - There will be a Women's History Month Artistic Impressions contest, and an Earth Day contest.
  8. Teacher Appreciation Week
    - The teachers in attendance said the teachers would prefer smaller gestures of appreciation each day during the week over one catered lunch.
    - \$500 was approved from the PTA for Teacher Appreciation Week, and Ms. Vargas contributed \$100.
    - The teachers in attendance said they would communicate the suggestions and amount donated to Cubby Brown, the building's union representative.
  9. SIT Survey
    - Helen Tzow shared that 12 current families responded to the SIT survey
    - Students suggested there be a study hall
    - Concerns about addressing bullying were raised
  10. School Culture
    - Eliot-Hine received an OSSE grant to address school culture next year.
    - Eastern High School is planning to use its student ambassadors to walk Eliot-Hine students to neighborhood schools to help address safety concerns
  11. Enrollment
    - April 1 will be the first day to enroll students. The Pollinator Garden work day will be advertised as an activity on April 1 when families come to enroll their children.
    - The school is projected to have 215 students next year.
  12. SY17/18 Budget
    - It was discussed that the budget for next year does not meet IB requirements, e.g., having only a half-time librarian, and only one world language instructor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm