

General Meeting: Q&A with Eldred Harris

(Curriculum and the Legislative Action Committee Member)

October 30th, 2017 from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

- October minutes were read over and reviewed by PTA members
- PTA Announcements were made by Eglantina
 - October 31st, Halloween Parade reminder
 - Idea for Book Discussion for January's meeting
- Treasurer's report was summed up by Donna
 - 266 members with \$720 in donations as additional PTA contributions
 - Made the projected \$500 for the 5K fun run
- Q&A with Eldred Harris *(Curriculum and the Legislative Action Committee Member)*
 - Eldred shared his background
 - Does the school liaison position rotate?
 - Yes
 - This is Eldred's first year at NE
 - What changed at Ithaca High School during your time as liaison there?
 - Discussion around what Eldred saw as the High School's challenges
 - Discussion around positive changes made and programs implemented to produce better educational outcomes and help de-escalate conflict
 - What is being done to remedy the water lead situation?
 - Work has started in Caroline and Enfield. Northeast will be next.
 - Eldred shared a brief outline of the plan
 - Discussion around pros and cons of district taking it on versus having outside contractors do the work
 - How come it is taking so long?
 - Eldred shared difficulties with County Health Department having different testing methods
 - Discussion around what the parents/PTA might do to help speed up the process
 - Does the Board of Ed plan to offer language?
 - Discussed ENL services and centers
 - Talked about level of service language program as well as cultural nuances
 - Will offer Foreign language service K-3
 - Discussion around defining language, immersion opportunities, regent credit opportunities
 - Discussion around Board of Ed structure, what the terms are, when elections take place
 - Eldred's priorities on board
 - The students first...being an advocate for them and their education
 - Helping educators find ways to achieve more positive learning outcomes