

SMS PTO Meeting

Feb 28, 2017

8:30am

8 Attendees

PTO President Jaren Landen interested in writing a letter to the community regarding PTO parent participation. Students are in need of guidance more than ever and parent involvement is critical.

Principals Report – Jason Calichman/Lori Sanborn

Library painted over Feb vacation, looks amazing – thank you Joe Ford

“SMS 101-The Basics”, created by principals for new parents coming in, it will fill them in on how everything works here at SMS – Top Link on the website

Power of Positive Words: Kid volunteers in the summer for putting positive notes on everyone’s locker on the first day of school.

Social media bullying is the main issue, not physical altercations! Phones are the main issue with discipline.

Should we bring in an expert on keeping things on the positive side of social media?

Positives and negative for social media should be shared

ADL – Anti Defamation League for the SHS, visit kids and remind them how to act with their peers.

March 10th Dance – DJ Alvin, 3/10, 7th and 8th grade is on, 7-9pm

DJ committee, picking songs

Teachers are still volunteering

April 3-May 26 MCAS dates for SMS

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, need a date? Night of Excellence again? Mr. Calichman to get back to us

8th Grade Breakfast, 8:30-9am, PTO donates \$\$

Yearbook signing

Ms. Payne has a slide show

Rehearsal

March 9 at the SHS – “If Only”, 7pm, working with Police Dept., to deal with the Opioid crisis in the town and state. Already successful in M’head

Water Filling Stations – Mr. Calichman

Hoping for installation of 2 units over April vacation!!
Mr. Andrade dealing with the plumber

Book Fair – Jen Townsend

Teacher wish lists, many were filled but a few are still open
Should PTO purchase?

Maybe use the dues \$\$ earmarked from dues drive for classroom libraries

PTO President – Jaren Landen

YMCA Nights (March 18 5th/6th and March 25 7th/8th)

Need at least 7 volunteers per evening

Everyone to ask for volunteers

Could we pay for Y to run event?

Allow outside group to sell waters and snacks like last year

Budget

Earmark \$5500 for all teachers for their RFFs, maybe just give \$\$ up front? PTO will review technology needs prior to releasing those funds.

Need to know the \$\$ needed for technology, Ms. Payne to get back to us

We purchase computer carts, ipads, etc. – need maintenance plan for all technology

Will bring your own device come into play??

Ms. Payne surveyed all teachers regarding classrooms before and after technology addition

Sandy Moltz, SMS Librarian, is putting in for a \$15,000 Impact Grant SEF!! They want district commitment...she wants shelves, online titles (over 700 students may read same title at once, future of the library– hoping she gets her grant

Hardscrabble Grants – none for Swampscott this year, bad news

Meetings March 8th – 6pm PTO Presidents meeting (jaren and alexis attendee) and 7pm - big meeting for schools budget (kindergarten)

March Meeting we need to fill Board Positions

Invite incoming 5th grade parents, Becky White to create flyer for elementary PTOs

March meeting, evening at Uno's 3/23

Community Relations/Hospitality – Casey Rakhmanov

Babies R Us GC for the Leonards

Cards for all teacher life events – possibly made by students

Whole Foods March 8th Fundraiser – Jaren Landen

Donation jar,

Bake Sale banner (Alexis?), says Bake Sale, need generic

Swampscott Middle School PTO new banner, Becky White to order from Staples

Everyone try to recruit parents to man the table at Whole Foods

Multiple emails to be sent to seek volunteers and remind families to shop on 3/8!

Enrichment Update – Jen Townsend

Museum of Science Weather 5th grade

Improv Boston, anti bullying for 6th grade

Chris Herren, June 12 (every other year)

BMX bike guy should come next year for all 7/8 graders