

SMS PTO Meeting

January 17, 2017

8:30am

8 Attendees

Michael McClung – Town Moderator on the importance of being a town meeting member and how this impacts our schools

Time to take out papers to run for town meeting!

New school project comes to the town meeting for a vote, so it makes sense to be on town meeting!!

30% residents in town have students in the school

6 precents in town - precent 1, 3, cannot get enough people while 4 and 2 are over amounts of folks

250 people/volunteers take to run the town

Y Night Advertising

Jan 21 is this Saturday night - Too quick to get going – will postpone to March 2017

Q&A w Annie P

Damion is the new contact at the Y

How many chaperones 4 or 5?

100 kids is the capacity

Most difficult part is a parent organizer, waivers need to be collected from the main office, have a master list, deal with the kdis on the night of....

Water Filling Stations

\$2500 for one

Lets put in 2 – one by the gym, one by the front door and then move a working unit to the 3rd floor (this is dependent of possibility of moving unit)

Mike Scola and Garrett are the contacts

Need to have a PTO vote to see where they go and if we buy two

Diane O'Brien to connect with Mr. Andrade to get installation going for February

ASP Nursing follow-up

Ms. Hartmann helped with the wording for ASP registration form which informs parents that there is currently no nurse available during ASP hours

No consensus from the school nurses regarding coverage for ASP hrs/extended day

School Dept will cover the cost of the nurse which is currently required for 1 child at SMS

Need to check with our insurance company as what we are covered for...maybe do a waiver???

Think about hiring an ASP monitor like they have at Stanley and Hadley to give access to our meds??

ASP Robotics

Mr. Hanlon, it's a daily special and an ASP program – who will pay for the robots, etc??
School Budget is frozen, so maybe not enough supplies for only 18 kids
\$5 material fee is not enough to increase the numbers
He should do an RFF with the PTO for more supplies
Hanlon intends to offer all 3 sessions of ASP Robotics

Principals Report

BigBlue Pride t-shirts
Maybe upgrade to a slippery workout shirt - \$18 each, \$1500 total
Natalie would design a logo
Kids really enjoy it!
PTO will cover new shirts

Do people know about the budget cuts in the school department, possibility for
Kindergarten being shorten to ½ day!!!
Robo call to let everyone know about the budget meeting

Chrome Books purchased by the PTO are being used for standardized testing – hopefully
only for the next few years, then the School Dept will have to purchase the necessary
computers for the district standardized testing

Advanced Math – 3 criteria, 92.5, Iowas, MCAS/PARCCs, teacher recommendations

Sandy Moltz received a SEF Impact Grant - \$1500, to start a collection of books on
psychological issues, divorce, eating disorders, anxiety

Jaren Landen helped mediate

SEF would like to fill multiple niches, lower middle school reading level, classics
section, NO furniture, NO magazines – asking tough questions like how will we sustain
the library if it gets cut

How will the district support us?

Library updates:

Makers Spaces – “future ready school” is our goal, more computer teaching, 3D

Sandy Moltz – Cultural Council Grant from Swampscott, civil rights, 2/15 or 2/16

Budget

\$6500 is on the table to be spent out of our \$28K

Lets table how much we would like to spend for the year once more figures are finalized