

SMS PTO Meeting

March 21, 2017

8:30am

10 Attendees

Cable Club Auction Item – organized by FLOS, Mr. Calichman's parking spot/Big Blue Pride T-shirt/Big Blue Swag

Whole Foods Fundraiser – how much did we make - \$4400!!! Check is in the mail! All proceeds for the SMS library

Sandy Moltz submitted grant to SEF joint with Ms. Payne – “21st Century Learning Commons”, makers space, learning, coding, microscope, hobby kits, speakers visit, work with Art teacher, Mrs. A wrote letter in support – trying to make the library the center of the school

Principals Report/Suggested prioritization of PTO spending – Jason Calichman and Lori Sanborn

“If Only” – movie with the police, not overly attended, Officer Reen is looking into putting on a second night, ran late

Boost Attendance Ideas:

Maybe make it a no homework night? If you attend you get a pass!

Extra credit?

AM Showing?

Include Nahant families too

Current Program addressing drug crisis planned –

Chris Herron 7/8th grade assembly, every other year

Jenny for Hoops Dream June 12th after the DC Trip

7/8th grade dance very successful! DJ Alvin was impressed Raised \$2000 for DC scholarships

Report Cards go out tomorrow – trimester is truly helping, more time to fix your lower grades

4th Grade Step Up night 6/13 and the Nahant 7th grade Step up 6/15 scheduled

March 29 – info night at the SHS, courses, placements are given that night

8th grade teachers meet to discuss placements for all students ahead of time, then discussions are open with parents, students

Principals pitch to School Committee regarding Cyber Bullying – currently following state regulations – we need a new plan

Proposal - First incident (creating a hostile environment) both parents and police, then 2nd incident is suspension

Diane O'Brien Treasurers Reports

Promised \$\$

- 5000 water stations
- 1000 DC trip
- 300 YMCA night
- 5000 Enrichment
- 8500 ASP
- 500 8th grade graduation
- 600 Year End Teacher Luncheon

Ideas:

Nahant Marine Center? Add ons to DC Trip?

Technology follow-ups?

Give \$\$ to each teacher at year start? Specify teacher libraries?

Cyber bullying – Elizabeth Englander, more targets parent nights and staff nights (\$7000), maybe split with the SHS

Enrich the language arts groups/ not just science – mummies, night goggles, PEM options (could they come in)

Department chairs to ask what would enhance their units

April meeting for decisions on \$\$\$

PTO Board – Let's get at least 2 people for position

Heather Goodwin, Nahant 7th grade parent – VP Cultural Enrichment

Presidents – 2 open

VPs

Grants position

Contact Old presidents from Stanley, Hadley, Clarke??

Teacher Appreciation date – night of excellence 6/1, luncheon, will do a sign up genius in May for sides, desserts, drinks

Next PTO Night Meeting for April 27?, 7pm

Casey Rakhmanov – Community Relations

Town Activities/Sports Master List – should compile info and then it should be owned by Danielle Strauss Town Rec Dept.

Town Tech Plan

\$250K plan is great

Upcoming Dates

Info night at the SHS, courses, placements are given that night - March 29

Next Meeting – April 27, 7pm

Night of Excellence/Teacher Luncheon – June 1

4th Grade Step Up night - June 13

Nahant 7th grade Step up - June 15