

SMS PTO Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
7:30pm

Principal Report – Jason Calichman

Joe Ford, painting planned

- Library, teacher's room and main office
- Wood paneling near the gym in the future
- Lockers over the summer??

Idea: Plaque of recognition for Joe Ford presented at school committee?

Veterans Day – poppies by Mrs. Andersen

National Junior Honor Society peer tutoring (8th grade honor society students) has begun, great turnout already

Group lessons were great, more difficult with papers and projects

Parent conferences coming up!

Added 3 hrs. of conferences for our large 7th grade 12/7, 13, 15 – signup genius to sign up, grades out the day before

PTO provides food for the teachers on the night of conferences, Periwinkles and goodies from parent contributions

ADL (Buck Harris) at SHS is coming down to work with 7/8th graders

Internet Safety program coming to chat with both parents and students

Finsta – fake Instagram acct and other social media to be discussed

Lockdown this week with police and fire department

Trimesters are a great improvement from teachers point of view, less rushed, more time to adjust after progress reports

Q&A w/ Mr. Calichman

Phones? Phones not allowed in class, exceptions in specials

Homework sharing over the phones?....Awful....only hurting themselves, being addressed

Announcement made at lunch to students? 7th grade student battling cancer, school made students aware

Treasurers Report – Diane O'Brien

Recent fundraising:

\$1201 at the bake sale for the voting day

\$1419 Big Blue Bargains

\$\$ ASP, 171 students registered, 9 classes running, total available after expensed paid

\$10,392 Dues and other donations

\$1000 in Swampscott Clothing –deadline next Tuesday

Crossfit class at the Swamp, not an ASP

RFF process and vote on outstanding requests

Town on a budget freeze, but if it is a preplanned curriculum item then the town will cover the costs!

How do we approve RFFs (Request for Funds)? Monthly, bi-annually, votes?

\$5000 is budgeted for the year for all teacher requests

Prefer requests to be rejected by town prior to being requested through PTO

Ms. Ardman's books (\$170)

Special needs headphones/CD players

Library Books 7/8 for the Classroom Libraries hope to add to the teacher's wishlist box and then purchase the others

Librarian Sandy Moltz requests magazine subscriptions (\$441)

Books on bullying (\$1167)

Approved \$1000 for library needs

Impact Grant planned by PTO to enhance the SMS Library/Sandy Moltz

Book club started for 7th grade

Teaching a civics class

Hospitality Branch of the PTO – Casey Rakhmanov

New students/families arrive in town; this branch of the PTO would help connect teachers, families, and town groups

Maybe a booklet that explains town deadlines, connections

Speaker on Executive Function – Organization Skills

Sarah Ward – no response

MassGeneralPsych Dept. – lots of staff who would speak on many topics

Speaker for parents too!

Mr. Citino, Hadley 2nd Grade Teacher, could possibly speak, PTO to pursue

Creative Spring Fundraising Ideas

1 response after last months meeting

Fun family event

Races? Scavenger hunt around town? Team event?

Student/Teacher basketball game – DJ, pizza, popcorn