

SMS PTO Meeting

October 17, 2017

7PM

10 attendees, next meeting November 14, 8:30am

Principals Report – Jason Calichman

- Flag and the Rug, students and staff are so excited about it – so lit!! Flag purchased by the last years 8th grade, rug is \$\$ split between administration and PTO
- Progress reports come out 10/18, after 2pm, announced on the Blog
- Morning Advisory update: real difference now that its first in the day
 - Decrease in tardy, decrease in detention due to tardy and discipline
 - Get into school, minute to breathe, maybe study, organize day, read, draw
 - Increase of Special Education referrals in 7/8th grade, so hopefully this will reduce need
 - 5th grade does morning meeting
- Cyber issues: major decrease in issues, not sure if it was the letter home to parents or police visit, but they are on the decline
- Lori Sanborn – going to see Elizabeth Englander, leading cyber bullying expert in country, might come for visit to SMS
- Fundraising idea: online store for SWAG
- New Student from Puerto Rico – non-English speaking 6th grader, 7th grader is fluent in Spanish so she sits with him at lunch
 - PTO asks if they need school supplies or other support? Mr. Calichman to follow up
 - Special areas – students are being informed how to hide, escape, etc. in an emergency – how would kids feel if they had to move to a new country where they didn't speak your language
- Water Refill Stations – being used educationally in both science classes and math classes

Treasurers Report – Diane O'Brien

- Dues drive – \$8,100 in dues, still checks to deposit
- Additional donations – \$1,000 in arts, \$900 in robotics
- ASP – \$7,500
- Expenditures – \$300 in rocks for the outside garden/park, will be painted by the students in art class, bench was made by an 8th grader, Ms. Andersen will do anything we suggest, paver or path to be built, plaques on the trees
- No Teacher request for Funds yet – except Mrs. Rap requested a full class set of books
- If we have extra funds at the end of the year, lets fund another water filler station? Trouble is the type of water fountains are built into the walls and facilities dept. is hesitant to open walls

SMS Clothing - Diane O'Brien

- Kate Bouffard, graphic designer, cool designs – SWAMPSCOTT with longitude/latitude, anchor or compass or nothing
- Long sleeve t-shirts, t-shirts, pj pants, socks

Enrichment – Heather Goodwin

- December 22nd – 5th/6th, Rob Surette, paints large scale canvas, amazing to watch and the videos shares along with it, perfect for our students age
- MLK, Mother Theresa, Einstein?
 - We could pick out the painter, maybe do a Facebook poll
- Ideas for fieldtrip for 7th? – 7th graders hiked Lynn Woods and they will attend Christmas Carol as NSMT

ASP Update – Alexis Runstadler

- New - Online signups and registration only this year
- 9 classes were planned but had to cancel 4 classes including art! Why? Because on online? Busy season? Sports?
- Paper descriptions of classes on lunch tables, daily announcements
- 160 total registrations, 5 not online
- Nurse – did not need one this session, but should explore for the winter session
 - Casey R – said she had a nurse/mom who might be interested
- Liability Insurance for ASP – anytime there is an ASP that occurs outside, a liability form should be filled out
 - Can it be a check the box online? Or do we have to fill out a form?
 - Diane O to follow up with insurance company
- Next session begins January 15th – 8 wks., then a quick break and then another 8wks in the spring

Scary Story / Art Contest – Sandy Moltz

- PTO to supplement the prizes

Book Fair – Sandi Moltz, Librarian

- December Dates booked, only 3 days/1 evening open
- Rachel Dicker organizing with Sandy Moltz
- Will the PTO purchase a book for every teacher? Need to vote once books are picked for \$\$
- Will teachers make a wish list? Put wish list online? Offer teachers a prize for booking their class visit time?

SMS PTO Website – Becky White

- Change all the emails to the at instead of @
- Add Fingerprinting and Cori info on the website as a link

Big Blue Bargains – Becky White

- Monica Lagerquist will be taking over the Signup Genius site from Jen Townsend,
- Will send out reminders to the main office the week before SMS week, currently only updated until the end of year
- 3 slots every 5 wks.
- JNHS students are signed up for most of our Wednesdays