

SMS PTO Meeting

April 24, 2018

8:30am

4 attendees, next meeting 8:30am May 15, 2018 – Principals office

Principals Report – Mr. Calichman

Joe Ford painted cafeteria! Looks amazing (completed in 4 nights)

Mrs. Harris to add inspirational sayings to the café walls – Go Big Blue

ELA MCAS done!

Math MCAS is next

Takes so much time to organize and administer, principal is not a fan

If parents agree they should contact the State

All Chrome Books are utilized for months; no one else can use them.

State gives the window, then the school sets the schedule...why not push the window to June?

Try to reduce the stress surrounding the tests

5th grade change next year – 2 teams of 4 teachers

Teacher subject strengths will be utilized

Homeroom still for reading and advisory

Morning advisory – still positive, discipline issues are better, less tardy, less disruptive tardy

Trimesters – good change for the students, gives everyone more opportunities to raise their grades

Dance 1 – successful

Dance 2 – not as much attendance, maybe too close together

DJ Alvin is very affordable

New Idea: 8th grade ONLY dance, 6/15? String lights outside, dance in café, bring in a food truck - \$\$ for DC trip

New Idea: Parent volunteers in the lunchroom? 350 kids, 2 principals monitor themselves, too much

Enrichment Thoughts:

Chris Herron – maybe not the right message? Off year for Herron, discuss options for next year

Calvin XX– a few parent complaint that the presentation was too intense for some students, discuss options for next year

Walk Out:

Students walked out of school to support gun control for 17minutes, a few speeches, school didn't need/want media attention at that time (Stanley issues at the same time)...some parents upset that they did not know the specifics

Treasurers Report – Diane O’Brien

Outstanding payments:

\$1600 DC trip

\$500 Camp Andrade

\$900 Museum of Science

\$230 & \$800 library

\$200 – teacher reimbursement

\$189 – teacher reimbursement

8th grade class gift /graduation collection with a WuFoo webpage

Sign up genius with the 8th grade graduation breakfast, PTO supports \$\$

DC trip moving forward

Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Night of Excellence 5/31

Brett Henry lunch to be booked

After School Programs – Alexis Runstadler/ Casey Rakhmanov

17 classes are being offered, not sure if all will run

Wufoo live, sign ups until Thursday April 26

Colored copies in the 5th grade

Only a 5-6 week schedule for this session so cost was reduced to \$48