

SMS PTO Meeting

January 16, 2018

8:30am

10 attendees, next meeting 8:30am March 20, 2018

Principals Report – Mr. Calichman and Mrs. Sanborne

Vaping/Juuling Update

Most students only vape flavoring, no nicotine, no THC

Few kids dabbling in drugs

Few kids don't know what they are trying

Students are coming forward to chat about it with administration

Juuls are the most popular size/shape

New inhaler shaped one

Every town has a different rule to purchase the machines

They will get addicted to the nicotine :(no additives – bubblegum, grape, all tastes good

Older sibs, older kids are selling them

Student athletes, smart kids are trying it too

7/8th Dance January 26th

\$10 per student, DJ Alvin, teachers at both bathrooms

watching for drugs/alcohol, kids cannot leave and come back

Important Dates

Midterms close January 22nd.

Progress reports posted January 29th (unless snow days)

Parent night for the budget, Monday January 22nd at SHS auditorium

Morning advisory update – everyone is happy from staff, polled the 6th and 7th grade, most kids like the morning, helps with absences, studying, tardiness

Treasurers Report – Diane O'Brien

No fundraising this year (other than dues/ASP) but we are meeting our needs!

We can pay for everything in the budget, including more Enrichment programs

Funding Requests:

Mr. Rovi, band teacher would like \$2500 music stands – **voted YES for it 7-0**

Mrs. Hodgson, fund the Focabulary program?

Full court basketball, cannot be done?

Band room ceiling?

School Administration is aware of building issues, requested fixes and are waiting feedback from town

Upcoming \$\$ promised - Camp Andrade, DC Scholarship, Field Day additions – dunk tank, DJ Alvin

After School Programs – Alexis Runstadler

11 classes on the schedule, list comes out today and starts next week

Winter session – stem tech heavy

Gym – schedule is tough due to basketball

No dodgeball

Registration announcement today, classes start next week

Online signups are the method

5th grade folder print offs but encourage online signups

Book Fair – Sandy Moltz

Rachel Dicker did an amazing job organizing the fair!

SMS library made \$1800 in profits, \$500 more than last year

Preview day was helpful!

Teacher books were purchased ahead of time, success

Concerns for next year:

Scholastic - no art, no craft, no stem books

Follett, our textbook supplier, also runs book fairs too, hoping that this will push Scholastic to improve their fair

\$\$ Disbursement goes to Follett anyways

Follette has some restocking of popular books issues with Follett

USBorn book fairs are an option too – Johnson School to run one this year, will get an update post fair

Cultural Arts Update – Roxanne Schena

Rob Surette - Motivational artist, gave an amazing show on Dec 22

Donated a free print to use as a raffle, Star Wars

He will come back in the spring for 5th and 8th grades

Sandy Moltz – awarded a Cultural Council Grant (no cost for PTO) for 7th grade

Middle East unit, a Kurdistan speaker, March 27th

For the Love Of Swampscott (FLOS) “Pizza Wars” – Diane O’Brien

Plan for the 5 principals in town design their pizza at UNOs and whoever wins gets dough raiser donation, each school will have a designated night at UNOs

March 2018, more info to come

Raffle at event - donate our Rob Surette painting?

YMCA Nights

Diane to contact Anne Pulaski