

**PTO AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2016 MEETING
6:30PM IN MANHATTAN LIBRARY**

Welcome & Introductions: Karen Gall

Principal's Report: John Riggs

Teachers' Report: Sarah Blackford, Mary Ellen Steele, Barb Miller

Treasurer's Report: Karen Gall

Requested Discussion Topics:

Winter Social – need chair to help organize, set date ASAP, salsa contest (Sandra Salazar)

Community Service – make sandwiches for the homeless (Jennifer Rieger), maybe with Winter Social

Clubs – funding for the year (Darcy Fan)

Open Enrollment – need parent volunteers for tours, principal coffees

Turkey Trot – volunteers needed to help purchase prizes, 8 x (Cornish game hens, chickens, turkeys), help with getting volunteers for set up/during the trot/clean up

Committee Reports:

Magic Phoenix Wrap Up: Darcy Fan

Projects Committee: Shannon Collier

Science & Music Gardens: Jennifer Dingman

Community Dinners: OPEN

Trip Tracker: Jennifer Saal

District and Community Representatives:

David Gould — DPC (District Planning Committee)

Jamie Baker — DAC (District Accountability Committee)

Melissa Geller Sharman – SAC (School Accountability Committee)

Darcy Fan – BVGT (Boulder Valley Gifted & Talented)

Volunteering Opportunities:

Open Enrollment Parent Volunteers for tours, parent coffees (see below*)

Grocery/OZO Cards (probably 1 hour/month)

Winter Social (chair, January volunteers)

PEN representative (Parent Engagement Network)

Website (probably 1-2 hr/month, volunteer from home)

Other Comments or Questions – Open Time for Anyone

MMS Open Enrollment Events*:

“Manhattan Experience” School Tours –11/30 10:15 to 11:30am & 12/1 9:00 to 10:15am

Parent Coffee Break with the Principal, MMS Library – 12/5 9 to 10am & 12/12 9 to 10am

Open House for Parents and Students – 12/8 5:30 to 7:30pm

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 15 Fall Music Concert, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Nov. 21 – 25 No School/Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 31 & Dec. 1 All Day Community Fundraiser at CPK (20%)

Dec. 6 Fall Arts & Academics Festival, 6:00 to 8:30pm

Dec. 7 Latino Night, 5:30 to 7:30pm

Dec. 19 – Jan. 3 No School/Winter Break

Jan. 4 School Resumes

Jan. 22 Community Sunday Lunch Buffet at Mount Everest (20%), time TBD

Next scheduled PTO meeting: Tuesday Dec. 6 from 8:45 to 9:45 am in the MMS Library

Committee Reports

David Gould — DPC (District Planning Committee) Meeting Minutes from 10/12/2016

Superintendent Update – Dr. Bruce Messinger

- Operational Levy
 - Needed b/c current budgetary need as not being addressed due to lack of school funding at state level
 - Funds would go to purchase of literacy materials that had to be suspended b/c of lack of funds
 - Levy monies must be used for operational needs
 - BVSD will have a \$6M budget deficit next year without Levy
- Bond Issue- Phase 1 mostly completed and decision/designs being worked on for Phase 2
 - <http://bond.bvsd.org/Pages/index.aspx>

Parent & Family Partnership Update – Madeleine Case, Director of Parent & Family Partnerships

- Why partnership? – Because wanted to foster a collaboration between teachers & families
- Struggles – Equality vs. Equity
- A Communications Toolbox is being rolled out to teachers for use
 - Ideas taken from many schools and parent organizations during Listening Sessions throughout the last year

Graduation Requirements Changes – Dr. Bruce Messinger (Michele DeBerry unavailable due to scheduling conflict)

- New graduation requirements to take effect for 2016 8th graders that will graduate in 2021
- <http://bvsdsuccesseffect.org/priorities/graduation-guidelines/> (please visit website for more details)
- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/graduationguidelines> (please visit website for more details)
- Change in requirements was done to give students options in showing their competency to graduate
- Proposed changes to go before BVSD Board in Dec 2016 and more parent meetings to happen in Spring 2017

Next Meeting: 11/30/16 @ 6:30 in Black Diamond Room