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#### PTO meeting

John Riggs, Karen Gall, Shannon Collier, Darcy Fan, Nathalie Pratt

#### Principal's Report

Mr. Riggs presented furniture design for the new space. Most of the new furniture will be in the library space. 14 classrooms will receive new furniture. Those classrooms must be core classes and 25-30 students using the space. School will eliminate the old-style desks with table and chair attached.

Library bookshelves cleared of out-dated books. Moving toward the purchase of digital books. School is due for a tech refresh next year. They will purchase 3 chrome book carts.

Library and possibly other parts of school may need to close early (i.e. 2 weeks) before school officially out for summer to jump start construction to meet completion date.

Teacher Report- no teachers present and no report submitted

#### Treasurer Report- see report

- Treasurer reported that we are financially in good standing
- We need to discuss what to do with leftover spirit wear inventory and how to transition to on-line spirit wear ordering system.
- No additional Magic Phoenix requests. Mr. Riggs will ask faculty and staff for ideas on how to spend remainder of MP money. He will get back to PTO

#### PARCC Snacks

-Requested Mr. Riggs write in blog that school will provide Soft and Chewy granola bars and Fruit Snacks during testing. Parents are welcome to provide snacks from home.

#### Screenagers

- Approved to be shown at MMS at 6:30 followed by discussion
- still waiting to hear back from faculty about Tall Ship meeting conflict
- PTO does not need to pay \$150. Adults charged \$5 and kids \$2. If this doesn't cover the costs to show the movie- we will work out details later. This fee is for MMS population only. Scholarships are always available.
- Translators and child care provided. Need to confirm where childcare will be housed and room needs to be reserved.

## PTO Summit summary

Briefly reviewed what was discussed at the summit sponsored by Impact on Education. It was well attended and lots of information exchanged. Key points discussed:

Low parent volunteers last two years

BVSD purchased fingerprinting machine

PTO's join forces to write big grants and to share ideas- chat room

Innovation Grants- possible for PTO to write 1st draft

Madeleine Case- Communicaton Toolbox-schools share ideas of what works

PTO meetings at coffee shop was a success for Aspen Creek- new faces and good turnout

## Projects Committee

-NYC panel project still on-going

-Next year, this committee will no longer stand alone. PTO will just take requests and seek volunteers as needed.

Science and Music Garden- report submitted on agenda

-\$3,000 grant submitted to add a musical instrument

-Lucky's Bag Credit program raised a little over \$1,000. Still waiting for check

-Jen has been working with several volunteers to transition the garden for next year

## Community Dinners

-Julie still waiting to hear from Wahoo to discuss details of our week long event

-Still in need of a dedicated community dinner coordinator

Trip Tracker- report submitted on agenda

-Jennifer will go to cafeteria tomorrow to pass around computer for students to log their mileage.

-Will need to further discuss the future of this program.

## BVGT

-2E Twice Exceptional movie shown at Summit MS Wednesday at 7

-C-GER 3/14 from 6:30-7:30 at the Ed Center in Crescent Room. Opportunity for TAG parents to give district feedback. Only done every few years, so it's important to take advantage of this opportunity.

-The Sum Newsletter is published by the BVSD Math Department to get the latest in math news in the district

## PEN

-Annual fundraiser attendance low, great auction items sold at lower than expected price.

Rosalyn Wiseman keynote speaker (discussed possibility of bringing her back to speak at

MMS). Tickets \$150 each. MMS rep. would like to see more of MMS community members present but understands that ticket prices were steep.

#### Volunteering Opportunities

-Question was asked when volunteer sign up to sort snacks will be emailed to MMS community- need to follow up

DAC- report submitted on agenda

DPC- report submitted on agenda

#### Open Discussion

-Someone asked if there has been talk or training around gender-identity issues at our school. Platt has been discussing gender neutral issues. Mr. Riggs was open to some training/educating parents about these issues and terminology- specifically mentioned Sara and Bethany from CU. This pair also presented at BCSIC to parents. Someone said that it was very helpful. Need to follow-up.

Next PTO meeting Monday, April 10th, 8:45-9:45 in library