

PTO Meeting Agenda Tuesday, December 6th 8:15am

Janice Ugaki

- Spelling Bee - - need volunteers janice@firmseek.com 2:30 in the library, kids register at 3pm, done at 4:30 - 4:45pm

Molly Miller - Community Relations Specialist - School Start Times Update

- Introduced Eric Esquivel - Latino Community relations specialist, leading the advocacy team (replacing Nora Buchanan plus added responsibilities). Goal: Want to make sure each latino child is reading at a 3rd grade level, brainstorm on what might help, team trying to help accomplish those goals, LIA and any other volunteers to read.
- Science Fair volunteer sign-ups are forthcoming
- High school expansion meeting, Dec 13th meeting on what options will affect the high school. This will impact our kids. There will be 4 options to review how the HS will be affected. If you can't make it to 12/13, there will be two more meetings to follow. Designs are on the website and ability to give feedback as well as more info. Board meeting tonight at 4pm at DO will be presenting plans.
- Start Times - Parameters right now is that the board decided that start times need to change for HS. HS will not start any earlier than 8:30. Research was done. 2nd parameter is elementary cannot start before 7:50. Any ideas on how to execute times are welcome. Parents and admins on committee representing all schools. Waiting to hear what members have elementary kids.
- From PPES parent. A late start time after 9am is difficult for working parents. Dropping kids at 8am at school, then go to work, can't leave younger child at home alone.
- Board has approved transportation specialist expense. Tonight will open budget and approve funds. Will be coming into evaluate the bus routes. We are a small district and this is their specialty. Should be able to figure something out while master scheduling is happening. Master scheduling starts in Jan and ends in March. Julie Einhausen commented about process and thinks it is possible to figure it out for next school year.
- Parents are Concerned that we will have to go through this again when we go through facilities upgrade and grade realignment. Molly commented that board is aware of this and has it in mind as they go through the process. New plan will be flexible with room for future adjustment. Open to listening to the taskforce.
- Start times page on website with all feedback
- To solve 3 bell schedule, we would need more busses, drivers, and budget to maintain. \$1M to buy the bus and staff, \$500k for ongoing maintenance. Drivers are hard to find and keep.
- Also doing traffic study
- City buses can not be an option because government restraints. Can't use one gov't funded service for another gov't funded service.
- **PTO board encouraged parents to send emails to board members, attend the board meeting today at 4pm (public comment at 5:30pm), and go to Jeans and Lattes with Ember on Friday
 - Superintendent Conley has determined that, in an effort to keep the best interests of *all* Park City School District students a priority, **no elementary school will begin earlier than 7:50 a.m.**
 - PC Board of Ed Meeting TODAY @ 4pm District Office
 - Public comment 5:30pm
- Next Jeans and Lattes with Ember : Dec 9th 8:30-9:30am @ Hugo Coffee

Laura Waugaman - PPES Guidance Counselor

- Overview of Counseling Delivery System & School Guidance Curriculum
- Resilience evening Wed Jan 11 5:30-7:30pm

- Peace House
- Recess
 - Hands on helping kids solve problems
- Team approach at Parley's helps kids be successful
- Jennifer Slade, new director of Special Ed
- Valley Behavioral Health helping with students with mental disorders
 - *****See attachment

David Gomez

- Turning the work room in the school to a meditation and relaxation space for kids that need time to re-center and re-focus. This is better than sitting in the principal's office. A teacher uses this room and can supervise the kids while the meditate and relax.
- PTO funded a full time aide and substitute. This person has been hired and is bilingual. She wants to be a teacher at PPES. Process is helpful when teachers need a sub and aides aren't pulled out of other classrooms to cover. Less disruption for students and aide gets to learn how to be an interventionist, also stepping in to help sub.

Suzanne

Funds allocated to date

- headphones and keyboards have been purchased
- Apex funds have been distributed to teachers (10% Apex funds)
- Full time Sub/Aide has been hired

Mini grants approved: \$3,500

- Julia - author visit assembly
- DeEtte - Lion King musical
- Spark Science assemblies:
- Drum bus assemblies:
- Choir scholarships:

PCEF Teacher Grants Submitted- Decisions on grants by next Friday

1. The Walking Classroom: Rachel Taylor - \$700
2. Gaga Ball Pit: Jen Wheelwright \$5,575 (\$1,700 remaining)
3. Focus through Kine"scent"ics: Alane Gaspari \$3,500
4. Focusing on the Whole Child : Melissa Bott \$3,150
5. littleBits: DeEtte Earl - \$1,790.86
6. Parent/Teacher resource Center in the library: Laura Wagman - \$600
7. PCSD Elementary Coding: Tracy Fike - \$6,000
8. Preschool Playground: Kathy Anderson - \$9,637.86
9. Green House: Tricia Perkins - \$2,500
10. Minecraft edu: Rachel Taylor - \$370

Julie Eihausen - PC School Board

- Julie here to listen and take in needs
- Several funding issues coming up this year.
- Teachers and other employees: Problem with retaining bus drivers. District is renegotiating salaries for these employees so we are able to hire and retain.
- EATS - Trying to go to all scratch cooking. Will need to hire people to do this kind of cooking. Need a competitive wage.
- Need to Offer incentives to our teachers and pay for additional certs and professional development
- Facilities issue: Treasure Mtn needs to be torn down. HS expansion.

- Transportation to solve school start times: Two bell or three bell schedule

Science Fair - Christy Prasad and Liz

- Website is up and running. Registration is open.
- 30 tri-fold boards are available if kids need a board.
- Friday is the second round of SPark Science assembly for 4th and 5th
- Judges needed! Focusing attention on judges - DO NOT need to be a scientist
- Prizes are ordered. Breakfast and lunch will be served!
- 29 kids have started projects in the afterschool program

EATS update - Recess before lunch

- Find a way to eat the healthy food that we are going to provide
- David - alternatives k and 1 - teachers and aides will be going in with kids to help them learn as they are eating.
 - Playing calming music in the lunchroom
 - Contests to not waste food
 - Upper grades looking at other alternatives
 - GOAL is to eat more before they play
 - Table for slow eaters
 - Melissa says mcpolin makes kids stay inside for the full lunch period. All get released to go outside after 15 or 20 minutes. Kids stayed and ate lunch b/c they knew they weren't getting more recess.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 10th @ 8:15am

Happy Holidays!!

Close at 9:30am