

PTO General Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

November 16, 2016 - Called to order at 6:05pm

Principal's Report

- School Improvement Plans
 - Previously, goals were set by BOE
 - Based on MAP, but not all students take MAP
 - This year each school and grade level set their own goals
 - Presented with data from the previous year
 - 3rd grade received 2nd grade data, for example
 - Data used: MAP, AIMS Web, F&P
 - Only had preliminary PARCC data, so not used
 - Drilled down to find the greatest areas of need in reading and math for the 2016-2017 goals
 - These goals are specific to the grades at The Lane; goals can be vastly different across D181 schools
 - All plans are online.
 - SELAS goal was not created with data - none available
 - This year we will do a CSCI climate survey from parents, students and teachers in Dec/Jan and use that data for the 2017-2018 year
 - SELAS goal same for every grade level
 - We assess ourselves in January to see how we are progressing towards achieving our goals by year end
 - The goals are fluid and we can make adjustments as needed
 - If we achieve the goal by January, then we raise the goal
 - We also make sure we are still achieving in our strength areas while meeting our goals
 - We look for trends in goals across grade levels to see if there are areas to focus on in our curriculum

- Homework Coffee Talk
 - Parents expressed concern over minutes spent on homework exceeding what is in the handbook
 - Parents expressed concern over students grading each other's work and making errors/mistakes
 - Discussed independent writing and the parent's role in these assignments
 - Part II coming soon, as parents had additional questions/concerns
 - SELAS committee will draft a survey with staff
 - Distribute to parents to get feedback
 - Address feedback with changes

President's Report

- Please share ideas for strategic investment!
 - The Strategic Investment Form is in the Bulldog Blast & on the website
- We are looking for two parents for our nominating committee for next year's PTO Exec Board
 - Please contact Kristy Singler if you are interested!
- Technology Update:
 - There are 179 MacBook Airls that will remain with us
 - 25 were purchased last summer
 - Fall 2017 - 3rd graders receive 1:1 iPads
 - 6th and 7th graders MacBook Airls will be distributed
 - The Lane will get minimum 30 of those
- PTO will provide gifts to shared teachers (music, art, PE)
 - Room Parents should recognize aides if possible
- PTO will provide snacks for class parties and field day
 - Ensure safety of those with food allergies

VP Community Building

- Kids Care Club will be collecting books for a school library in Peoria that are in dire need
 - New books from the Book Fair
 - Collecting gently used books after Thanksgiving

- Kids Care Club will be offering 1-2 options to visit with residents age 79-101 in two locations in the next few months

VP Fundraising

- Spirit Wear samples hanging outside to check sizes, material
 - Orders due 11/21/16
 - Good gift for teachers
- Manna Gift Cards and Bricks orders extended to 12/9/16
- Holiday Gift Shop is 12/9/16
 - Collections begin after Thanksgiving
- Parents Night Out - St. Patty's Day

VP Programs

- International Days dinner is tomorrow night (11/17/16) at Mon Ami Gabi.

Adjourned at 6:50 pm