

1/23/23 PACT Meeting –

Round the room introductions

School Update: This year is different than the previous 2 years. Nice to be out of the pandemic. They are training the kids to be on time to class and most kids are on-time, but some are still learning. If your child is late multiple times, they might make a phone call home to the parents.

PBIS: Students can turn in the Pride tickets and they're going to draw from each grade for prizes. That will start next week. Ms. Hinker put out a request to parents for prizes or monetary donations. They're going to do 5 for each grade level per week, so 5 per grade per week.

State of the School Report:

- Enrollment projection report – stable for next year and increasing every year for the next 5 years. We are at 1595 right now and looks like it will go up about 40 per year for the next 5 years. They don't close open enrollment till they are at 95% capacity.
- Patrick is still looking into the cultural displays for the school. Is going to ask parents for ideas for the displays. Will be sending out a message soon.
- MN Dept of Ed had some changes around the requirements for both Phy-Ed and Fine Arts. The district hadn't been following the recommendations that were rolled out in 2018 but is going to start following them for next year. The 6th grade won't change, but 7th grade won't have a language offering anymore because they have to take 1 health, 2 fine arts and one gym. Other districts are meeting the requirements and still offering the language options in 6th – 8th grade. The district offers 5 years at most of a language, they can still get to the 5 years if they start in 8th grade. Feedback from parents and teachers has been negative.

Update on Outdoor Project: Sam Bostrom is still waiting to hear back from Prairie Restoration. Didn't want to apply for the Grants if he didn't know how much it was going to cost. The initial funding has happened, he is just waiting for the overall cost.

Tell Me About It: Kendra showed two videos and showed a video for upgraded technology which made the videos better. She is working on a skills/trade focus, but has some medical, sports and science and engineering focuses as well.

Tell Me About It – Videos that highlight the guest speakers and their jobs have been improved with new animation and graphics as well as in person interviews and a more thorough editing process. Currently, students participate in the following sessions:

7th grade: Science & Engineering (fall), Creative & Performing Arts (spring)

8th grade: Medical (fall), Sports (spring)

Next year, we are planning to create a Skilled Trades panel so we will likely transition to this model:

6th grade: Sports (spring)

7th grade: Science & Engineering (fall), Creative & Performing Arts (spring)

8th grade: Medical (fall), Skilled Trades (spring)

Book Fair-Opens tomorrow – Volunteers are still needed so if you have any open time, contact Andrea to sign up.

Treasure Report: Balance is \$15,482. That includes items that were waiting to fund that have been funded.

Game Night: May 5th is game night – Ideas are needed for the recreation and games, as well as volunteers.

Food Drive Update-Patrick hasn't heard anything about the food drive, but can follow-up.

The Closet-Seems to be doing good. They are looking for more people to help organize clothes but overall seems to be doing well.