

PTO Meeting Notes 1/8/2024

Attendees: Elyse Shorez Melissa Miller, Jess Widen, Amy Larson, Jamie Zachman, Cat Eveland, Taylor Klemmensen, Emily Henrich, Chelsea Fadden, Tim Hanson, Ellen Fudge, Jessica Guerrero, Corey Lahr

State of the District Presentation (Dr. Foucault)

Enrollment

- Current Enrollment 6,641 up 41 students from LY
 - Largest 10th grade-614, Smallest K-422
- Enrollment Stabilizing
- PSEO & Online (7-12th) are growing (155 students off campus)
- Direct Certification process has increased the free and reduced lunch percentage to 19%
- Special Education is below the state average at 12.6%
- English Language Learners are well below state average at 2.1%
- Building capacity continues to have room for additional enrollment
- 1478 Students are open enrolled in the 2023-2024 school year. In district enrollment is decreasing. Open enrollment does not cover this gap.

Budget Information

- General Fund
 - Unassigned Fund Balance (similar to a savings account) was at 15.36% it is forecasted to dip to -8.63% in 2028
 - Due to open positions the audit came back higher than expected
 - STMA spends \$11,206per student- State Average is 14,121 per student

Rankings

- #14 of 361 Districts in Minnesota
- #781 of 10,932 in the US
- MCA Rankings
 - Math top 5%
 - Reading 7.4%
 - Science 7.7%

Legislative Information

- Forum January 24, 2023 6pm Middle School West Auditorium

Principal Update

- Thanks for work on gift cars for holiday party
- Conferences are being held February 1st- sign up will go out next Tuesday
- Big Foot and Little Foot has been purchased for One Book One School

Big Foot & Little Foot – Author Ellen Potter and Illustrator Felicia Sala

Hugo is a young Sasquatch who longs for adventure. Boone is young boy who longs to see a Sasquatch. When their worlds collide, they become the unlikeliest pair of best friends.

At the Academy for Curious Squidges, Hugo learns all manner of Sneaking—after all, the most important part of being a Sasquatch is staying hidden from humans. But Hugo dreams of roaming free in the Big Wide World rather than staying cooped up in caves. When he has an unexpected run-in with a young human boy, Hugo seizes the opportunity for a grand adventure. Soon, the two team up to search high and low for mythical beasts, like Ogotogos and Snoot-Nosed Gints. Through discovering these new creatures, together, Big Foot and Little Foot explore the ins and outs of each other’s very different worlds but learn that, deep down, maybe they’re not so different after all.

PTO Dates for 2024-2025

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

January 13

February 10

March 17 - later date due to spring break

April 14

May 12

- Rather than author visit we will be using Mike Wohnoutka who is an illustrator and much less expensive, we will additionally do a visitor from Be the Nice Kid which highlights our character traits and both visits remain in budget

Staff Appreciation

- January- Mocktail bar with salty snacks
- Baked Potato Bar prepared for conference meals

Presidents Report

- Papa Johns fundraiser will be on 1/30. Classroom with the highest dollar amount gets a pizza party. 150 books will go out with orders and all orders will get a book mark. PTO will send pizzas to next staff meeting and record staff reading. Pizza planner stickers will be placed in student binders.

- Penny Wars March 4-8th
- Book Bingo March 15th 6-7pm