

PTO General Meeting Agenda 4/1/24

Welcomes were performed

Mrs. McCarthy, Kindergarten teacher

- Q&A: how important is preschool and in this building in kindergarten readiness?
 - What works for your family, you can do home prep
 - Is there a friend grouping into kindergarten? If you want to mention other students, please let admin know. Kindercamp can help them make friends.
 - Are the more ready students grouped together? Personality? Birthdays? Look at all of the data and make the class sizes and prepare to teach all of the abilities.
 - 90% of incoming kindergartners do kindercamp.
 - Kindercamp includes bussing
 - What can parents do to help prep their incoming kindergartners?
 - Kindercamp
 - April 30th Kindergarten in Action Night 5:30-7 here at NP

Maria O'Reilly

Budget update – under budget for winter event
expenses coming in for carnival
can we do something for the 4th grade graduation?

Principal Update

- Last 2 months with fewer days off
- 4th grade trip tomorrow to visit Westwood
- Thursdays in April, parents are invited to visit their student's grade ¾ music class
- Art Adventure this Friday
- May 10 4th grade track and field
- April 30th, Kindergarten in Action
- MAP and MCA testing in April and May
- Still working on what school will look like next year based on study and feedback – working on prototype
 - assess every year
 - compare how students did before and after combining two years
 - interviewed the students, too
 - final announcement will be in the newsletter, ~end of April
 - NO all school field trip, teachers know the money is there earmarked for busing for field trips or speakers
 - Spring pictures coming up

Winter event follow up

- Good, but disjointed with upper part and then long path to skating
- Good to have Panther Foundation table
- Is it accessible enough to all of the student body?
- Is lay out ok? Photobooth was hidden

- Partner with SLP Hockey to coach kids who cannot skate?
- Not have it on same night as Panther with a Purpose party

Upcoming PTO events:

- Mileage club will have their planning meeting tomorrow
- Art Adventures for 3/4th - April 5
 - paintings and tactile art from MIA to share
 - pieces connected by a theme
- Field day
- PTO will have table at Kindergarten information night -April 30th
- Teacher appreciation week, May 6-10
 - sign up will be going out for treats and raffle baskets, Friday breakfast foods
 - students can write notes for staff members
- Spring Carnival – May 17
 - *Can Acapulco have two lines to help flow?
 - *one larger prize on way out
 - *learner showcase at spring carnival

How do we get more parents in PTO meetings?

- Time? Child care? What kind of incentives?

Social Media Director position is open and vote will be held at May meeting, May 6th

Popcorn party drawing -Teresa-Saladis' class