

## PTO General Meeting Agenda 01/06/25

### 1. Welcome & Introductions were made

### 2. Principal Tyler Nelson

- First Pep fest before break -HS pep band seniors performed, staff and kids games
- Student council active—really wanted to scrape ice off windows for staff
  - morning announcements
  - greeting committee
  - new student tours
- conferences Feb 18-day, Feb 20-evening
  - signup Weds newsletter
- Panthers for Purpose that week, party will be at Bunker Hills Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
- New event: Feb 10<sup>th</sup> week: parents invited in for an hour in the classroom to give them a snapshot of their student's day
  - 1,2 Monday 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 3, 4 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>
  - K TBD...maybe Weds, but NPT is also that day
- Office painted around winter break
- Connect pod (formerly brown) is now Purple
- Q-how to get on student council- application process, Saladis and Phillippo make the choices
  - depends on number of applicants
  - first step for junior mentors at Westwood and Mentors at HS
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers tell the students about the opportunities

### 3. Guest Speaker – Michael Wojtalewicz

- Leads professional development for staff and teachers
- competency based learning – develop rubrics and criteria for the learning
  - curriculum resources are still the same
  - how do we know if “in progress” is on track? There is a checkbox to look for
  - Do kids know? Yes, they in theory should be getting communication from teachers, learning the rubrics and self-assessments
- Read Act- legislation affecting learning, train staff in the science of reading (staff learn or get a refresher)
- Focus on student engagement in professional development
  - Think of teacher as designer to motivate the students-interests, styles, preferences
- Q-How often does the district test? Spring-state tests, DIBELS-fall, winter, spring, ongoing regular assessment. Competencies are different than state tests
  - Try to keep stress low for students and communicate that one assessment is not the end all, be all
  - State assessments cannot be redone
- Q-Are teachers matched with kids based on teachers as designers?

- Kids have access to other adults that they interact with throughout the day besides their main teacher like social skills, pod teachers, academic specialists, etc. But current teachers also try to make good placements for the next year.
- Curriculum at SLP formed/influence by 3 pieces:
  - state benchmarks
  - curriculum (e.g. Wit and Wisdom)
  - students and their motivations/interests
  - In older grades this is more done through electives, teams

#### 4. Maria O'Reilly – Treasurer Update

- company matching from fun run finally wrapping up
- expenses for Fall party
- no expenses for Scholastic
- budget looking on track for early estimates
- start thinking of who wants to be co-treasurer and learn the ropes before Maria leaves

#### 5. Winter Event – Stephanie Brace - Glow Party coming up on January 24 6-8

- Dancing with DJ Downs
- light snacks in Cafeteria – chips, water, candy salad
- glow tatoos, sticks, décor
- Sign up genius should go out later this week
- Looking for blacklights – anyone know someone with cannon black lights?
  - Can the district buy to share since other schools have Glow parties??

#### 6. Questions/Concerns

The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, February 3 at 6:30PM. We hope to see you there!