

Coffee With The Principal/HSA Meeting
March 2, 2017

Principal McKenna started the meeting discussing the School District Progress Report. She congratulated McCall on being named the #1 K-8 school overall but noted that we do have some areas that need improvement such as in math and science. Principal McKenna explained how the standards were changed a few years ago and what is expected in each grade level has changed and we are catching up to this big shift in standards. She noted that she has been meeting with Ms. Asto about creating good math interventions for next year.

Middle School/High School Acceptances

Middle School and High School acceptances were discussed. Principal McKenna said that she did not have the exact list of how many kids were going to each school yet but she noted that out of the sixty-eight eighth graders, all but two were going to a special admissions school and that those two were on wait lists.

Kindergarten Registration Update

Kindergarten registration began on Tuesday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Forty-nine numbers were given out on Tuesday and there are forty-one more numbers to give out.

On Tuesday there will be an open house at 10 AM for incoming Kindergarten families in the auditorium.

Projected Enrollment for 2017-2018

The projected enrollment for next year is 714 students. The enrollment for this year was 716 students so the budget should stay the same. There will be leveling done in the last week of October so we know how many teachers we need moving forward.

New Student Information System (SIS)

There has been a recent update of the school district website and system. It takes a while to input information by the staff at present but eventually it will become faster.

Updated Attendance Procedures

- If a student leaves before 1:09 PM, this is considered a half-day absence.
- If a student comes to school late, but after 10:30 AM, this is considered a half-day absence.
- If a student is late to school due to a doctor's appointment and gets a note from the doctor, this is considered an excused lateness. All other late arrivals are unexcused.

PSSA Testing Dates

Testing this year is choppy because of holidays and report card conferences.

- ELA PSSA (Grades 3-8): April 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Spring Break: April 10-13
- Report Card Conferences: April 19, 20, 21
- Math PSSA (Grades 3-8): April 24, 25, 26
- Science PSSA (Grades 4 & 8): May 1, 2

Parent PD Sessions: Thursday, March 16 from 5 to 7 PM

There will be two sessions, 5:10 to 5:55 PM and 6 to 6:45 PM. Ms. Cliggett will be there for the Chinese session. Mr. Knofleck will talk about the JUPITER system that might be replaced by ASSIST. This is for Grade 6 upwards. Ms. Asto will lead a PSSA session. Ms. Stuart, Ms. Zalkind, and Ms. Sei will lead a homework session on how to help students with homework in lower and middle school. Ms. Hantman will lead a talk on how to support literacy at home, and Mr. Sykes will show the movie for the children in the auditorium.

Principal McKenna said that she would like to add technology back into the curriculum. It was also shared that the students have access to technology but might not know how to use it properly, so having the technology class back in school will be beneficial.

Women's Career Day: March 17, 2017

This is for Grades 4-7. Guests will speak to students in their classrooms from 9 AM until 12 noon that day.

New Hydration Systems

These are great and the plan is to have more of them in school, maybe on each floor for students to have better access to clean drinking water.

Misc.

Principal McKenna also said that she would like to implement sending home a monthly school calendar. This will have trips, testing, holidays and other useful information and dates to help families to plan and be aware of all school events.

Principal McKenna said that she will discuss with HSA the school's priorities and the HSA can then allocate funds. She also added that she wants an open dialogue with all parents about what they think the school needs. It was noted that the HSA supplements whatever the school budget receives from the school district to make sure that the school's programs run properly.

HSA meeting

Laurel Landau, President of McCall HSA, introduced herself.

HSA discussed upcoming events including tonight's Family Movie Night: "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Doors open at 5:30 PM and movie starts at 6 PM. Raffle tickets will be sold to win tickets to the spring musical. Pizza will be sold as well.

Tango Karaoke Night will be held on March 22, and a Roller Skating Night in Cherry Hill will be held on March 25.

Paige Wolf brought in her make-up line, "Beauty Counter." She will donate 10% of the month's profits back to McCall.

McCall's 5th Annual Casino Night & Silent Auction will be on May 20, at the Marriott Ballroom. Parents were asked to contact businesses for solicitation of auction items and to spread the word to increase ticket sales among the community.

Laura Sepe provided the Treasurer's Report. We have \$130,000 of which \$15,000 is restricted. We have collected \$68,000, and SHCA just donated \$11,000 to the school for keyboards for the music room and an upgraded sound system for the auditorium. We collected \$13,000 from miscellaneous fundraisers. We spent \$1,000 on Casino Night expenses and gambling company, \$15,000 on Playworks, \$27,000 on facilities in school, \$3,000 on textbooks, \$3,000 on the playground survey, \$2,000 on classroom expenses, and \$2,000 on miscellaneous expenses. Washington West Trust is giving us \$5,000 for smart panels. HSA will fund two more smart panels. Money will also be used to buy textbooks, computers, and build the science laboratory.