

Coffee with the Principal / HSA Meeting

December 15, 2017

Welcome

Principal McKenna introduced herself and started the meeting.

I. Events

The winter clothing swap is going on this week. Please stop by on your way out. The winter concerts were held yesterday and were very well attended. The students did a great job.

Next week is a full week. The students will be on winter break from Dec 23rd, 2017 until Jan 2, 2018. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan 3, 2018.

II. Serious Incidents / Protocols / Procedures / Safety Drills / Next Steps

The PSD mandates:

- Fire drills: once a month, including one during the first 10 days of the school year
- Lockdown drills (internal threats): once a year
- Shelter in place drills (Chemical or bio issues): once a year

Lockdowns and shelter in place: lock all doors, lights off, move away from the windows, all quiet.

Principal McKenna will set a date for a shelter in place drill during the teacher PD on Jan 2, 2018. She is hoping to run one in Jan 2018.

Starting next year, Principal McKenna wishes to run all 3 drills in the month of September.

Regarding the event of Oct 30th:

A weapon was seen in the backpack of a student by another student, who reported it. By the time the lockdown was called, Ms. McKenna had the weapon in her desk drawer. However, because the Philadelphia PD had not yet secured the weapon, she had to call in the lockdown.

Ms. McKenna said that she understood the concern and frustration of the parents regarding the lack of communication about the event, but stressed that her responsibility was to her staff and the students, and she wanted a prompt return to normalcy.

Ms. McKenna hopes to get a Homeland Security training for students grades 5-8 regarding the reporting of issues in the new year.

She asked that all parents monitor their children's social media and report anything suspicious.

She hopes to get a Philadelphia PD officer to make classroom presentations.

She also hopes to get a security officer assigned to the school.

III. Paint Stabilization Project

Painters have been coming at night to paint over chipped areas.
The masonry project (fire tower) is nearing completion.

IV. Lindback Awards for Teaching Excellence

Ms. Hantman received the prestigious award in 2016.
Parents can nominate teachers. The cut-off date is in January.
Please email Ms McKenna for more info or to nominate a teacher.

V. Benchmark #1 Data

Math: Better aligned than last year's test
ELA: Still not a great test

NEED CHARTS

VI. Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports – Phase 1

Ms. McKenna would like to introduce catch phrases.
She hopes for consistent language and structure for the school as a whole.

VII. Parents Workshops / Title I Winter Parental Input Meeting

The school's Title I audit is scheduled for Feb 12, 2018
Ms. McKenna will schedule 2 sets of workshops: morning and evening.
She has a budget of \$3,208 for "Parental Involvement"

VIII. Walnut Street Theater Partnership

This was possible with a matching grant from HSA
Sessions will be in the classrooms.
URSA major will have a drama option

IX. IEQ Dashboard and Facilities

Ms McKenna has no control over the district's choice of updates.
District representatives have been evaluating the heating and plumbing systems.

- Paint / Plaster damage: a contractor has been in for stabilization work
- Ventilation: Has been defective due to old/lack of filters. Half of them have now been replaced. Some need parts to be replaced, but those parts are no longer made.

- Temperature adjustments have been made in Room 1
- Comprehensive heating survey for Room 2 – parts are needed
- Room 4 has high CO2 levels - District rep promised solution by Dec 19
- Room 4 has been extensively cleaned, and holes have been patched
- Stained ceiling tiles have been replaced throughout the school
- CUV on 7th street has been repaired

HSA Meeting

Introduction by President Laurel Landau

HSA board has 9 members: 4 executive members, and 5 members at large

Weekly updates are emailed on Mondays

Membership envelopes were distributed to students. Please share your contact info.

Treasurer's report:

- HSA started the 2017-2018 academic year with \$107,000 in the bank
- Fall campaign so far has raised \$34K
- Cherrydale raised \$2K
- Bake Sale: \$1400
- Welcome Dinner at Kanella (great success, sold out): \$775
- Halloween party: \$670

- Since Sept, HSA spent:
 - o \$3500 on math workbooks; \$2,500 on Brain Pop and library systems; \$1,800 on a shredder for the office, 3 vacuum cleaners, and a carpet cleaner.
 - o \$1300 on the Blue Ribbon luncheon and mugs for teachers and staff; \$1,200 on score board for the gym; \$500 on a new sink for Ms Bottaro's room / Vetri program and leaf blower

- \$500 on the Blue Ribbon party for the students; \$500 internet / pay pal
- HSA still has \$132,000 in bank, of which \$18,000 is restricted (Scott Knoflicek's greening project and drama)

Events:

- Merry Monday breakfast is on Monday – please bring your contribution to the library before school. Staff will be stopping by all day.
- We are hoping to hold a movie night in January
- Kanella was a great event and sold out – we would love to host another parent event soon.
- We are hoping to host a Chinese New Year party the week of Feb 19. Waiting to hear back from Ms McKenna about gym availabilities
- This year's book fair is tentatively scheduled for the week of Feb 26.
- The next Box Top collection is on Dec 30th. Please contact Christie Weidner with questions.
- Don't forget to use Amazon Smile for all your holiday shopping, as well as Caviar for your food deliveries ☑