



O'Keeffe PTG Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday January 8th from 6-7:30pm

O'Keeffe Middle School Library, 2nd Floor

510 S. Thornton Ave (enter at corner of Thornton & Spaight Streets)

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1. Welcome and introductions - Principal Dugas, Officers Maria Banchick, JoAnn Kraus, Steph Steigerwaldt, Nina Lebwohl, Board Members Mandy Kuse, Sheila Lenius, Cheryl Kyles, Mia , 2 members
2. Principal's update - School is doing well - balancing high expectations and attention to detail. Checking in with students on where they are how they are feeling. Sense of belonging not just for students but staff too. Staff has really come together on working towards sense of belonging and the importance of knowing where their students are academically and personally and making sure to productively push and challenge each individual.
Increased reading - book check outs from library has increased 60% from last year. Note - Mindy Grant needs volunteer help getting those books checked back in and on the shelves.
2nd ¼ grading window is coming up. Discussion of if grades reflect the basics of attendance and completed assignments or do they need to better reflect how are students are learning and growing? Use of Infinite Campus by teachers gives parents best info on completion and grades for individual assignments.
2021 SIP is being crafted now and the school will be conducting empathy interviews with students and families about their school experience.
3. Thank you shout outs - to MNA & Mike McDonald for getting the water bottle station installed at the gym!, SpiritWear to students got warm thanks, be aware of crossing guard appreciation week)
4. Voted to confirm to add \$200 teacher stipend for art, and to confirm a transfer of the \$300 Arts and Words money and \$21.30 general funds into \$321.30 towards headphones.
5. Plan and coordinate for spring events - Teacher Conference provide a potluck lunch - chili or taco bar - Nina will coordinate sign ups,
Top Chef - need to coordinate silent auction - have an online option running before event - need at least 2 people to coordinate, want cameras and TVs to screen the event for better viewing in the gym, and how can we have more food available as we run out every year? Food is all donated - can we ask chefs to bring more? add more donors? We are maxed out at 6 Chefs due to the power draw at the school. Ask Coop for donations?
Hallway Photo Art - funding approved in Dec but need photos.
General Push for Coordinators and Volunteers for events, JoAnn and Mia will Coordinate Bake Sale 4/8.
*th Grade Graduation and Dance - 7th grade families usually organize and chaperone. Check in with Jamie Domini to see if she can attend next meeting and help coordinate.
Green Club from 2019 has \$100 to go towards a green item - use for spoons? Spoon Drive first?
6. No Fuss No Buy Fundraiser - has had a minimal response despite the work of a paper mailing. Needs a renewed push including focus on what PTG does and where the funds go, and there will not be a sales drive of items in the future. Can we include PTG info in New student welcoming packages?
Fete de Marquette volunteer opportunity again - We need to coordinate with other PTGs. Jen Conti willing to help.