



O'Keeffe PTG Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday December 18th 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 - in attendance were Principal Dugas, Assistant Principal Koch, Board members Grant Samuelson, Cheryl Kyles, Mandy Kuse, Officers Maria Banchik, Jo Ann Kraus, Nina Lebowhl, Steph Steigerwaldt via phone, 8 members, 3 students
2. Principal's update - Good spirit this last week before break and it is spirit week - crazy hair, dress like a food, favorite meme, etc. This year's theme is still the sense of belonging and staff is focusing on quality instruction, knowing where the students are as learners and that they are getting what they need. Winter concert went well - they ran out of chairs - maybe we can find a sponsor for that? Maybe for bleachers? This week staff worked hard during PD Day and creating positivity to foster belonging.
Do we want to show movie Screenagers? Yes. Explores kids and screens/social media. Preview to see if we want to do a bigger screening with kids and families.
3. Thank you shout outs (Liz Amundsen for Spirit Wear, Steph Steigerwaldt & Natasha Akulenko for No Fuss No Buy Fundraiser) How can we get the fundraiser out - ask it to be shared out on personal social media. **We are looking for someone who could coordinate this in general - teacher requests, school and PTG events, fundraisers etc.**
No volunteers for this at meeting.
4. **Vote to fund hallway art - \$210.00 - approved.** Will be coordinated between Mindy Grant, Jodi and Emily ...
5. **PTG listserv and FB page - what are the parameters for posting?** We are not an MMSD page, so not required to follow MMSD protocol. Nina Lebowhl and Cheryl Kyles volunteered to craft general guidelines of no hate speech or bullying, relevant or of interest to O'Keeffe community, no self promoting, appropriate language. Vote to update parameters - approved.
6. **F35 jets in Madison - Vote approved to take the position that we do not support this** as it is detrimental to our students and communities, and especially the marginalized communities that will be most significantly affected. Stephanie Steigerwaldt and Grant Samuelson will write the statement and send it to all the relevant parties including the Air Force.
7. **General discussion: Arts & Words will be from 2:30 to 5pm** to allow the maximum number of students to be there. Provide snack (through MSCR) and 4:30 buses will run. MG7E has contributed \$1000 to O'Keeffe Mural Project, Shout out to PTG from teachers for treats and messages - they feel appreciated! Ice cream socials - want metal spoons to cut down on waste. Some from Jill Cohan, Tony Dugas will also look into securing a donation.
8. Pathways program choices for 8th graders - presentation by Annie Potter - East High Pathways coordinator. Info is at mmsd.org/pathways

Calendar of PTG Events:

Weds Jan 8th	PTG Meeting
Jan 13 - 17th	Crossing Guard Recognition Week
Weds Jan 15th	6th Grade Band Concert - ice cream social - 7 pm
Weds Feb 12th	PTG Meeting
Tues Feb 18th	Bake Sale (Spring Primary)
Weds March 11th	PTG Meeting
Tues March 24th	Arts and Words - 2:30 to 5pm
Thurs April 23rd	Top Chef
Tues April 7th	Bake Sale Spring Elections / Presidential Primary
Weds April 8th	PTG Meeting
May TBD	Teacher Appreciation Week
Tues May 5th	Choir concert - all grades - ice cream social - 7 pm
Weds May 6th	PTG Meeting
Weds May 13th	Band concert - all grades - ice cream social - 7 pm
Weds May 20th	Strings concert - all grades - ice cream social - 7 pm
June TBD	8th grade Graduation and Dance