

APRIL 12 MEETING

Mixed bag - voted yes

May want to start our online part of it over the summer as they do have backpacks and lunch bags. We will see if this is possible. Paper section will be October.

Middle School update from Jennica Vieira (post email)

SEPTA

session WIHD May 8

SEPTA caregiver/family support fun night every month - first will be "What are you doing this summer?" Mixer to help give people a break and to give support to each other.

Earth Day

April 27 - signup genius link sent out. Hoping to get Disney tickets. Need to take photos and get name/email for verification purposes only - don't contact people. Can raffle tickets for a fundraiser.

Teacher Appreciation

Morse - Thurs May 9

JP - Fri May 10

That whole week is teacher appreciation week

Do a luncheon for the teachers

WI and Middle School need a chair

Remind

We need to set up one for the PTA. Can't do it through the school district.

It's free - we set it up with the PTA email. Principals spoken to are happy to push the info out.

We will send out a flyer and a QR Code so you can scan and join.

We will turn respond off.

Good for those not on FB.

Voted yes to use it.

Rivertowns

Introverts presentation was last night. 46 people in there. More people signed up. Those who left thought the presentation was great and wanted more teachers to know. Talk of presenting it to the teachers. People felt understood, which is a great thing! Ms Hickey really talked about how she applies it to her classrooms - Challenge in WI.

Family Tinker Night coming up

Sexual Misconduct presented by Mercy College coming up. They have a Title IX attorney participating.

Heads Up

Had a meeting with the administration - Borsari, O'Brien, Gail Duffy

Next step - Borsari will meet with his technology team and will get back to the committee to move forward and look at how we are using technology within the district. Hoping to get the phones out of the middle school and address some of the technology in the elementary schools where the kids are not actively or thoughtfully learning.

One concern to be addressed - apparently JP is getting 30 Chromebooks. Middle School is getting 150. Working towards 1 cart per classroom.

Looking to send out a flyer with information.

Chris Borsari Budget Review

Next Thursday night Board adopts the budget

21 of May is the vote - 7 AM and 9 PM Morse and WI

May talk about PTA advocacy role to support budget needs with the state

Staffing (Some through grants/reallocations/funds): JP and Morse - shared Info Tech TA/Library, DL TA in Morse, WI Special Ed teacher, MS guidance counselor to oversee curriculum in classrooms, HS - Social worker moves to full-time and AP and Honors Boot Camp enhancement (help make program more representative of our community)

District Staffing: Elementary speech teacher to full time (Morse/JP), Math Academic Support Teacher, Transportation office assistant, Tech Supervisor reallocation, Tech TA support in classrooms, Athletics stipend changes - adding additional assistant coach because numbers are high and might split teams as needed in modified to try not cut kids, HR office assistant

Went through budget

Peabody teacher will be funded as a pilot by the Foundation

Tax levy ended up at 2.44%, which is allowable, but tax rate depends on property values, etc per city so it's different.

Bus replacement propositions also on the ballot.

JP

Turnover at the school - 5 retirees but got lots of good resumes

Math night moved to the MS/HS gym

Implementing mini grants - sensory hallway

Outdoor recess survey sent out to teachers about how recess is run and what they know/don't know, do they punish kids using recess

Met with Ms. Barnett about it - she does incorporate recess into the curriculum but are teachers consistent and following her curriculum?

Are gathering the answers now (it's anonymous to teachers and TA). 22 respondents (14/18 teachers, 7 TA, 1 aid). Most think it's important and know the policy.