

September MIMS PTO Board Meeting

Executive Summary for Posting

September 14, 2020

Note: until minutes have been approved at the subsequent meeting, consider them draft and subject to updates.

- Minutes from Aug 21 approved as posted and shared without changes
- Discussed To Do items from last meeting: LT still in process; calendar still in process
- Ms Yin and Ms Dykstra approved to be faculty/staff members on the PTO Board - Mr Ying will nominate one more staff member
- Board gathered feedback from parents, teachers and shared with Mr. Ying and Mr. Ritsema. Mr. Ying processes all email even if he does not directly respond to it. Typically the responses get added to his weekly email to all parents.
- Mr Ying feels he's communicating and he is, PTO will continue to help find new communication tools and strategies to help parents get what they need.
- All please continue to show extra kindness and patience for your teachers
- ARE you getting any sense of Oct 19: HISD still planning on that date; our surveys showing 40% undecided, 40% stay home, 20% return - fairly consistent response
- Enrollment is good news - 731 as of 9/14
- Dyslexia update
 - Sending teachers to dyslexia training in October, just they all have GT training
 - MIMS is getting a shared dyslexia specialist - Justin Taylor - he'll be reaching out to parents for his services/pull-out instruction per their 504 or IEP plans
- PTO elections update
 - Nominees are listed on the website; form will be open 9/18-9/21
 - Worked to provide vote anonymity but also validate our families
 - All PTO members have a vote
- Mid Autumn festival & Sociables
 - Put info in email and send to all parents
 - Sociables: look for those after new PTO comes on
- Committees
 - Yearbook: We have delivered 70% of the yearbooks from last year. We are planning to set one more date for delivery on Oct. 2; Mr Gonzalez is producing 20-21 yearbook but needs a committee to help with sales
 - Signs: Signs ordered; Last date to accept pre-orders is oct 1; Distribution is oct 2 from 5-7 at school
 - Directory: Form is up; 101 responses so far; please continue to encourage families to join at <http://mimsppto.org/support-the-ptojoin/> - goal is to have done in October