

Minutes - PTO General Meeting

April 2021

April 16- 12 noon - Via Zoom

Agenda

1. President's Update & Welcome
 - a. Let's make our school a place ALL feel welcome. Considering all that's happened in the world, think about LGBTQ+ and children of color
 - b. Congrats to MS girls Bball
 - c. March minutes adopted as posted
2. Admin Update
 - a. Had a lockdown, fortunately a minor indecent - suspicious person at front door, called HISD police; person was stopped at Yorktown & Hidalgo; had eyes on person at all times; students and teachers were excellent and silent on lockdown
 - b. Ms Xia is our safety captain
 - c. Coffee with Chung for incoming MS parents - had 1 hr Q&A, discussion; recorded, will share on email
 - d. Elective choices for MS - will send course description and set date/time for selection process online
 - e. Parent selection for last cycle - monitoring # of changes; influx of returning at all grade levels; anticipating move to blended/hybrid model; some teachers may have to move to smaller classrooms
 - f. HISD now allows F2F graduation - 8th grade committee planning F2F plus drive through and working on a 8th grade time capsule
 - g. CBE & AP - Yin parent Q&A on this at 5 pm, will record
3. Q&A
 - a. What do you do if there's a threat on campus? Ms Xia will post as much of the campus emergency plan as she can
 - b. Will we restore upper elementary to 2 teacher rotation? 2-way rotation is goal; will do our best to do 50-50 immersion if we have the student count - currently we don't have enough students in 4th grade; but if we have enough 4th and 5th grade students, could try to create split 4th/5th cluster; not enough confirmed but possible plan
 - c. Will all do hybrid for last 6 weeks? Still depends on grade level and number of students
4. PTO Board nominee presentations
 - a. Voting through tonight
5. Teacher Appreciation week May 3 - 8

- a. Looking for some volunteers; any biz owner - if you want to donate something for the teachers? PTO will do something for all the teachers; grade level parents may do additional
6. Middle School updates
 - a. CBE (credit by exam) - UT HS programs offers credit and some high schools recognize; earn by end of year exams - CBE 1, CBE 2 - Chinese teachers are working hard to prepare kids for this; it's also used to determine where to place the kids in 7th and 8th grade
 - b. 8th grade graduation - there will be 2; Sat Jun 5 right before end of school - ceremony on blacktop in person and a car parade; also planning an unofficial off-campus dance
 - c. MS NJHS program for 7th and 8th graders - requires an essay, high GPA, teacher recommendation, and 10 hours of service before the end of the year; connect with Simmons and for students in NJHS, be on Remind with Simmons
 - d. There's room at MIMS for MS students
7. Q&A
 - a. Teacher vaccination rate - many have gotten vaccination but can't share detailed data
 - b. Will there be a 5th grade graduation? No; it's a single school and you don't graduate until 8th grade
 - c. Will there be a bootcamp? No plans yet but will let you know
 - d. Any summer programs? Who's qualified or invited to? Summer school in process but we'll have it and get back to you
 - e. What is intent to return for teachers? All who have submitted say yes, they're returning
 - f. What's the last day for school supplies? Consider that the deadline around the end of the school year but should stay open through July. Link: <http://mimspto.org/2021/04/11/2021-2022-school-supplies/>
 - g. What does intent to return look like for 21-22? Over 95% of those who have completed the intent to return form say they will return and it looks like healthy growth of enrollment too
8. Spirit Wear Committee - we're looking for volunteers if you want to be involved with spirit wear for 21-22
9. Upcoming dates and events
 - a. PTO Board elections - April 16
 - b. Last day to decide virtual/in person - April 16
 - c. UIL Meet - April 25
 - d. 5th 6 weeks ends - April 30
 - e. 6th 6 weeks begins - May 3
 - f. Next PTO General Meeting - May 14
 - g. Memorial Day holiday - May 31
 - h. Last day of school - June 11