

Mount Prospect School
General PTO Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2016

Round Table

Present: Ms. Hozeny, Mr. Pepitone, Chrissy Bennett, Cecilia Gomez, Catherine Santaiti, Iris Schwartz, Maria Marta Bosio, Claudine McMahon

- **Building Updates**
 - Benches around trees
 - Overhang: out to bid 4 times, need to bring up to code
 - SEL
 - Interactive projectors replaced smart boards – all elementary schools
 - Chrome book carts – always need more/ fundraiser for targeted goal
 - Month of Respect
 - Ms. Cuccaro/Mr. Pepitone
 - Shared doc w/ resources among all teachers
 - Morning meeting
 - Assembly – motivational speaker
 - Buddy classes starting
 - Grades 4&5: internet safety
 - Now using Google and sharing, not seeing nice comments
 - Early Dismissal: 11/5, 11/9, 2/1, 3/1 for staff development
 - Picture Day 10/10
 - BJ Ward – PTO funded
 - Sensitivity training – PEC funded
 - Conferences 11/18, 11/21, 11/22
 - Book Fair 11/17-11/23 – PTO fundraiser
 - Joanna Peng Atkins – Dance residency for Grade 3 11/28-12/9
 - International Day/Night 12/9
 - 4th Grade Peer Mentors
 - 5th Grade K helpers and Buddy classes
 - PTO Events coming up: Monster Mash, Bingo Night
- **Panther Pride/Character Education**
 - Respect – stay on path, make correct choices
 - SEL survey
 - Only pay for survey, all other resources are free
 - Core team of teachers, will add students and parents
 - College of St. Elizabeth and United Way
 - Data Review 10/16

- Curriculum & Program Review Winter '16-'17
 - Implementation
 - Buddy Bench – especially for younger kids who don't always know how to play or find friends to play
 - Lunch is a 50 minute block
 - Recess games/activities are being worked on
 - Meeting with kids and lunch aides
- Parent Questions
 - Organic options on lunch menu?
 - Brought up last year: too costly, a few options already added to menu
 - Need to follow up directly with Food Services
- New Curricula
 - New Science for Grades 3, 4 & 5 - Mr. Misiak will present at 12/14 meeting
 - Language Arts – pre-K, K, & 1 has intense intervention and teacher can meet with team to discuss students, especially with phonics focus and for ESL population
 - Math – Go Math & Math Workshop so students can break into small groups for both enrichment and reteach
 - Social Studies – updated activities, election theme with Dr. Seuss I vote/You vote (students vote on topics not on candidates)
- Testing
 - DRA's, Writing Samples, Spelling Inventories and Math Unit tests – all for K-5
 - MAP Grades 3-5, or Grade 2 for G&T only, or Grade 3 to try for G&T again
 - CoGats Grades 2 G&T
 - PARCC Grades 3-5 4/18-5/16
 - NJASK Science 5/31
- PTO
 - Like us on FB!
 - Fundraisers
 - Otis Cookies
 - Monster Mash
 - Volunteers needed: Beautification & Evening with a Loved One
- Security
 - WAMS originally got double doors
 - We had doors, need locks wired
 - Will have shelves to drop off forgotten items to reduce parents entering school unnecessarily
 - By end of November