

MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 30, 2016

Agenda

1. Introductions & Welcome
2. Sign-In/Contact Sheet
3. Purpose of the PAC
4. Setting future agendas
5. Lunch Updates
 - 10:45 – 11:35 – Grade 1 (lunch first) and Grade 2 (recess first)
 - 11:45 – 12:35 – Grade K (lunch first) and Grade 5 (recess first)
 - 12:45 – 1:35 – Grade 3 (lunch first) and Grade 4 (recess first)
 - Kindergarten Helpers – 5th grade volunteers who help Kindergarten students order lunch and pick up condiments/utensils before returning to their seats
6. Panther Pride/Character Education
 - SEL Survey – 60% achieved
 - Help students build friendships/work out conflicts
 - Committee of teachers – suggestion to have parents involved in committee
 - Working on developing student groups
 - Follow-up question needed about how fellow parents are influencing the culture
 - Would help to have NA on the survey scale or extra comments at end of survey
 - Share survey results in PTO meeting, coffee, etc.
 - Buddy Bench introduced at assembly
 - Send link for Buddy Bench video
 - Work on sustaining the friendship after the Buddy Bench is utilized
 - October is Month of Respect – Anti-bullying assembly on Friday, October 7th
7. Building Updates
 - Back to School Night was well attended
 - Pizza Night was well attended
8. New Curricula
 - Science Kits (being delivered) 3-5
 - Two units of SS in 3-5 while waiting for science supplies
 - December 14th PTO meeting – Mr. Misak coming to speak about new curriculum
 - Voting for issues using Dr. Suess (stickers for I voted?)
 - Voting for a tree name
9. Testing Information
 - MAP testing ended in 3-5
 - PARCC scores and Grade 4 NJASK scores mailed out
 - Parent receive a letter about PARCC prior to the test

10. DynaCal – calendar of events, Friday Folder, Blasts, PTO website and PTO blasts

- All district events

11. Technology Drive/Purchases – PTO

- Communication plan (annual calendar)
- Google –Hub, Hygiene and Hero (Dana Bhargava – Grade 2 rep)
- Chromebook carts – Grades 2 - 5
- New projectors installed to create interactive whiteboards

12. PTO Updates

13. Questions/Comments

- Communication? – PAC representatives send PAC minutes to homeroom parents for their grade level and homeroom parents e-mail to class
- Include standard e-mail for all PAC representatives to use that includes PAC representative e-mail address
- In addition, include specific reminders in the body of the e-mail
- Homeroom parent ideas for holiday parties
- Special bag for extra snack
- Decorations instead of food

14. For the Good of the Order

- Next meeting October 14th