

PTA Meeting 9-12-2019

Board Members Present: Christi Schuda, Chelsey Lucken, Annika Bankston,
Crystal Gaughan, David Gladis, Becca Johnson

School proficiency scores

Principal Skinner went over a Star Tribune article about school proficiency`. Pinewood had a dip in both math and reading. May be due to not teaching the way that is tested. Need to keep up communications with parents, go deeper with standards not faster and identify students that need help and decide what needs to be done. Use Parentlink and Everyday Math as well

<http://www.startribune.com/which-minnesota-schools-are-scoring-better-than-expected/489886271/>

School district levy proposal

Principal Skinner and Christi went over the proposed levy that is coming up. The vote takes place on Nov 5 and the school district is asking for \$12 Million. This money will go towards resources for the schools, not the buildings. If this does not pass, the district will lose \$7 million and class sizes will go up and possibly other resources will go away. There will be a meeting on Oct 10th at Pinewood with the school board and Neighbors United to go over everything and answer questions.

<https://www.moundviewschools.org/doneforadecade>

We will possibly have someone from Neighbors United at Family Library Night Oct 4th.

This is a school board election year as well!

It was brought up that Pinewood needs more low cost/free activities such as after school reading group, study group, open gym. If anyone has any ideas let us know!

Treasury update

We voted to move the end of the fiscal year to June 30th instead of July due to state PTA Bilaws. Push for PTA membership enrollment as well

Volunteer Opportunities

Becca was looking into doing some fundraising with e the pro sports teams Vikings, Twins, Wild. Students and parents would volunteer to work a stand and then Pinewood would get a percentage of the profits. This would also give families the opportunities to go to these venues and experience them.

Fundathon

Fundathon materials are out, we will need volunteers for the fun run Oct 4th. Kindergartners will have Bob the Beachcomber come

Other discussion

Becca will be the PTA liaison to Pike lake for now and will work on getting more community events going there.

Next year we will have some openings on the PTA due to outgoing families
Ideas for upcoming meeting were to have teachers join us and talk about teaching models and prepping for middle school, having the Edgewood principle come to a meeting, the CSO and the different specialists.

Book fair will probably be the week before Thanksgiving, there will also be one at Pike Lake. Looking into having businesses and parents donate money for books for classrooms instead of the paper wishlists.

Right now there is a Snack Pack program that is run by Abiding Savior church that gives kids food for the weekend that night not have any otherwise. The program is getting too big and will be run by Ralph Reeder starting in Jan. Pinewood needs to raise funds, aprox \$100/student for the year. Right now we have 70 students enrolled. There are packing nights that people can volunteer to help.

Next Meeting Nov 14th