

PTO Board Meeting Thurston: 8/23/18

1. Events for the year

- a. Anne Marie Ciampa will paint our bathrooms, including positive messages, need paint supplies, the parent will send the PTO an email, likely done next week, walls only
- b. Mary Carol Waters, works with DCF, possible link for community service project with PTO
- c. Travis Roy, annual for 8th grade
- d. A whole school speaker, tied into advisory/thematic learning, ideas include:
 - i. Screenagers, student and parent versions, day and then evening
 - ii. Jarod Campbell, singer, topics: resiliency, dependency, bullying prevention
 - iii. Harvard/UN speaker, negotiating and conflict resolution
 - iv. Kindness rock
 - v. Mindfulness: Boston Buddha, Shine Bright, cooking, etc.

2. After school Activities

- a. Need an afterschool activities coordinator, whether Thurston specific or district wide
- b. Need for transportation, possible link with rec department, logistic issues
- c. Programs:
 - i. Model UN program: Liz and new Social Studies teacher are the advisors, year long program after school, 2 conferences possible, 6-8th grade
 - ii. Matt is working on new programs, going to poll kids for interest, early idea is mindfulness/yoga, meditation, etc.
 - iii. Westwood Media Center

3. I AM Strong foundation grant – mental health, fall cycle underway

4. PTO Dues

5. Discretionary Fund

- a. Some money available so that the principal/vice principal can cover small, immediate expenses (i.e. petty cash, used to cover things like teachers paying for small expenses for students that could not cover it) that if not used, can be built up for larger purchases, amount asked is \$500.

6. Mike's Entry Plan

- a. Focus on learning, seeing how things operate, understand rather than change this year
- b. Focus on visibility – hallways, lunch, before and after school
- c. Bus greeters, an adult for each bus
- d. Mike and Matt greeting kids at the front and back of school

7. Next Meeting: 9/17/18, 1pm. Topics:

- a. SEPAC
- b. Focus Group Questions – Mike's entry plan
- c. Curriculum Night