

Middle School Parent Meeting 3/28/17

Introductions and Question

What struggles are you as a parent having with your middle schooler.

- too much screen time
- child's lack of self direction
- child's lack of self regulation
- boundaries at home
- chores
- less reading and creative activities/more online time

Updates

Community Center:

- The Community Center hosted a Transition night April 6th at the Loft for 8th graders and parents. Current Drake students spoke about their experience and took questions.
- The Job Fair is coming April 19th from 2-4. There will be community partners with booths set up and workshops on how to write a resume and interview for a job.
- With a grant from the county the West Marin Coalition for Healthy Kids is hosting a panel to talk about issues related to teens. It will be April 27th at 6pm. There will be a student panel and the keynote speaker is Jasper Thalen.

Principal Laura Shain

- As many of you know now Brandon is leaving the middle school for personal matters. The school will be posting positions for math, science, and social studies. The goal is to find the best possible candidate. Both Rae and Mary Kay are multi subject middle school teachers and are willing to shift if necessary.

LEAP

We have done well on Pledge this year. LEAP set a goal of 14,000 from Pledge and we have gone to 15,000! Well done.

Valley Visions is almost here. April 29th is the party date. April 19th the auction opens. Tickets are \$100 and drink tickets are \$35 to \$45. Soul Food is catering. Shuttle buses will take you to and from the party so safety and fun can be had.

Graduation

The ceremony is being planned by 8th grade parents. 7th grade parents will host the after party. If you are interested in helping with either the ceremony or party contact Laura Shain.

Budget

Some cuts have been made to the Budget in order to meet our expenses. With the Community Center's financial support we will still have an SEL program but changes will be made as we will cut 6,000 dollars from the program. The school is researching new and financially better

options. One option that is promising is EQ schools which is adult training about attitude and behavior with students. This is not a scripted program. Another cut is the General aide time the parent body funds to the tune of 3,500. Another cut will be to our electives. Last is the cut of the Youth and Arts program which was 9,000 for 2 trimesters. Again, other less expensive art programs are being explored. A spanish teacher is still on the table as a new expense. Another proposed expense is for outdoor education for 6th and 7th graders which would be a one night camping trip.

Next meeting April 25th at 6:30