

Middle School Parent Teacher Meeting 1/31/2017

The meeting started with introductions and an "ice breaker" of attendants likes and dislikes of our MS program. The likes were: the student helper elective, the vitality and energy of our students, the small school size, the new special education program, the teachers curriculum and love of teaching, the Rite of Passage, and the K-8 school. The dislikes or wish list were: more teacher student/parent check in, more fun and weird projects, a different yearbook format for the 8th graders pages, stronger science program with more equipment, more leadership opportunities, mixed 6-8 classes, stronger art program, investment in technology, more field trips to take advantage of what the Bay Area has to offer, and a foreign language teacher.

Updates

Laura Shain

The Youth and Arts had an Open Studio event displaying MS student art. There was low attendance. The school has money allocated for technology. The teachers will be asked what they need. If parents have input please email Laura Shain.

Mary Kay

This year the MS will have the opportunity to be involved with Oxfam America through Student Learning Communities. The students will learn about 1st through 3rd world communities, poverty, and inequalities in our world. It will be interactive and come together in a banquet called Oxfam America Hunger Banquet. This will be a 4 week program. To learn more google Oxfam America and Student Learning Communities.

LEAP

The Clothes off your Back fundraiser grossed \$3,000. The extra clothes were donated to Glide Memorial Church and St. Ritas. There has been a dip in LEAP asking for pledge donations due to upcoming fundraisers. Valley Visions is quickly approaching, please consider volunteering to support our biggest fundraiser of the year. The final dollar amount from Bingo will be published soon. Please have your student turn in any unsold tickets.

Announcements

Will is replacing Heather Richardson as the new Middle School Internship facilitator.

The Mountain Bike Club starts on February 1st. Lynn Charn is retiring and Robin Hendrickson Nelson will be taking over leadership of the VAST tutoring program.

Leena Clementi will be taking over next year as our MS parent treasure and Catherine Sanford will become co-chair to lead our MS parent teacher meetings.

Budget

The estimated beginning balance of our MS parent fund for 2017/18 will be \$10,617.43. Our estimated expenses for next year will be \$73,305.00. Our estimated revenue for next year is \$44,895.00. By end of year 2017/18 this will leave our funds -\$17,792.57. We are considering cuts in or reductions in the following:

General aide	\$3,440.00
Science aide	\$22,849.28
PE	\$4,824.00
Misc Electives	\$4,148.00
Emotional Literacy	\$6,250.00
Youth in Arts	\$9,100.00
Graduation	\$3,000.00
Rite of Passage	\$3,110.00

Possible additions to the expenses are:

Spanish	\$3,000.00	
Art	\$4,200.00	This is a lower cost alternative to Youth in Arts

We will discuss budget cuts at our next **Parent Middle School Meeting February 28th. Please come.**