

Coffee with Principal | PTA Meeting

February 16, 2018

14 parents attended, plus many teachers, Ms Hicks and Mr DeRoo

- December minutes approved by all
- Budget - \$9263 current balance with pending deposits from raffle
- Some grants coming – spending some as they are submitted
- Ari Blenkhorn donated \$20 cash to be used towards new table/chairs for teacher's lounge.

- Honor Roll celebration – several parents volunteering to help and several donated \$10 gift cards

- Teacher Appreciation 2018 – Ms Hick is spearheading. We have already helped with teachers lounge. We will need volunteers in May for teachers week. A work in progress right now, but planning lunch during that week, rather than last day of the school year.

- Raffle – needs to be promoted by HR teachers and all parents

- Field Day – we will need a sign up genius for volunteering

- Mids for Kids – Cornelia brought a sign up since we need drivers badly. Program started this week, but many holes in schedule. Dr Horstman does a lot of the driving which pulls him out of the school building.

- Mr. DeRoo
 - Went to mall fundraiser
 - Went to Dance Fest and was so impressed
 - Showcase coming up – Ms Grimail – 17 performances/video next Friday 9-10:45.
 - Ms Grimail has a twitter about Arts Integration
 - School safety – handouts avail from counselors to help keep kids calm, comforted and how to talk to your kids. School is still a safe place
 - Counseling is always available.
 - Ms Hicks – hearsay is enough in school for staff to search. Any tips matter. Many tips come from parents. Staff can do home wellness visits at anytime if needed.
 - Counseling dept has been training staff more
 - Security Officer is stationed at AMS, but can come to Bates.

- Funding issue between County vs Annap City – MR DEROO and STAFF WANT A SRO! What can be done to get that?????
- Mr DeRoo has check all points of entry and they did lock down drill in December
- MATH update
 - Math boosters program for those needing extra help or push – Tuesdays starting next week. Planning some family math nights and maybe some Saturdays.
 - If Level 3 on PARCC intervention.
 - All students able to participate though.
- PVA – Ms Miller
 - Super busy
 - Lots of upcoming fieldtrips
 - Musical at end of March – coming together.
 - March 19th is Mosquito unveiling – details/invite coming – all invited. 9AM at school unveiling, then activities at Loews
- NJHS – rescheduled for next Tuesday – Ms McDaniels has been sick for 10 days. Concerns about organization of meetings
- Ms Beller
 - Food Panty needs bags
 - More hygiene/self-care items
 - Canned meat of any kind is always needed
 - Pantry is being used more than every. Supports more than just Bates – whole community including Lighthouse Shelter and AHS.
- Ms. O'Connor
 - Navy will donate school supplies again. She will need parent volunteers in May to help get the items