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Bexley Middle School PTO

7/29/2021 1 pm

Zoom

Principal Update (Jason)

- The district will announce COVID-19 protocols for the start of the school year at a special board meeting on August 9 at 6pm. We will follow these same protocols for our schedule pick-up day on August 12.
- Flextime will return this school year. Flextime occurs the last 30 minutes of each day a student has study hall and it is an opportunity for students to explore various interests from art to sports and other areas of academic enrichment.
- Students will now have six minutes of transition time between class in lieu of the four minutes in previous years. The additional time allows for less congestion in the hallways.
- Jason is hopeful that experiential trips will resume this year. Staff are being engaged to help determine what this may look like. However, life in a pandemic is ever-evolving so the middle school remains flexible as it discusses options. Steve Shapiro is helping to determine experiential alternatives if it is decided that students will not travel to DC in the spring.

President Update (Jill)

- PTO Supply Sale Pickup (August 12): Students will be able to pick up their schedules and pre-ordered supplies, walk through their schedule, have their school picture taken, and complete their vision screening. Students should plan on spending about an hour to complete these tasks. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend with their student, but it is not required.

We ask that you use the following schedule to make the day as efficient as possible:

- Students with the Last Name A-L (10am-Noon)
- Students with Last Name M-Z (2-4pm)
- Open to all students (4-6pm)

Parent volunteers will be needed to help on this day. Please be on the lookout for a Sign Up Genius.

- Upcoming PTO Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26 at 1pm on Zoom. There was discussion about holding meetings at different times to accommodate others schedules. Jill will continue to explore options.
- There was a PTO meeting held with Dr. Fine on July 12th. It was discussed that parents enjoyed middle school PTO “Happy Hours” to help build community.

Treasurer Update (Kristin and Liz)

- The current balance to start the 2021-22 school year is \$6,701.59. This balance is higher than in previous years (typically around \$4k) due to not paying anything toward the 2020-21 DC trip. To budget for the upcoming year, the 2019-20 was used as a loose guideline for budgeting revenue and expenses, using the fundraisers we've had in the past. At the end of the day, the type of fundraiser doesn't matter, it's really about raising a little more than \$10k if the PTO wants to continue to donate \$12.5k for the DC trip.

Fall Fundraiser (Jenny & Rachel)

- The goal is to raise approximately \$5k during the fall fundraiser. The overall total fundraising goal throughout the year is approximately \$10k.
- Opportunities for PTO support in the future (per Jason)
 - 6th grade – building community, building connection activities (e.g., ropes course, paint ball, Clippers game)
 - 7th grade – hands on, explore interests and talents (e.g., Wexner Arts Center, Ohio History, shadow professionals)
 - 8th grade – connect to history curriculum (e.g., Underground Railroad Museum, Ceder Point/Kings Island)

The Mission of the Bexley Middle School PTO is to provide a forum for parents to communicate with the principal and each other, to support the needs of teachers and students, and to raise money for the student outdoor education and Washington, D.C. trips. All are welcome to attend these meetings.