

PTO MEETING 01.26.17 Minutes

Updates:

- Steering Committee Meetings are held monthly. Next meeting is Thurs. Feb. 2nd, at 2:30pm
- Facebook Friendly Reminder
- Laser Tag raised \$780 toward PTO general fund - Providing teachers w/ lunch on March 22nd ½ day (progress reports)
- Coupon Book Fundraiser raised \$3,962.50
 - Ms. Fons 4th Grade class sold 30 books and won a popcorn party

Guest Speaker - Karla Marcello

- Announced she is taking orders for non-campus specific PTO T-shirts. Shirts may be worn while Volunteering at school events.
- Yearbook Order forms were sent home, deadline to order is Feb.22nd. (Extra books are not ordered)
- Class Photos will be taken Friday Feb. 3rd.

Upcoming Events:

- Family Movie Night is Fri. Feb. 3rd. Admission is free, concessions will be sold. Proceeds benefit Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Dr. Seuss Day and K Mardi Gras parade is Friday February 23rd (Noon Dismissal)

Q&A from Mrs. Adelman-Cannon and Mrs. Tennyson

GENERAL STRUCTURE for the 2017-2018 school-year:

- There will be 6 classes at each grade level
- Kindergarten will have 3 French and 3 Spanish
 - 2nd-8th will vary in the amount of French and Spanish classes. The demand of each will determine this
- **There is space for all students.** In fact ISL will have more seats in the 2017-2018 school year than there are students today. ISL aims to have 24 students per classroom, some have less. The goal is not to fill beyond that unless necessary.
- K-2nd will always have assistants. Depending on the size of the class, a 3rd grade class may have an assistant. There are also floating assistants.

STAFFING

- "I believe everyone will have a job." ~ Mrs. Tennyson
- Last year ISL filled 50 positions. Only 11 have turned in intent to not return next school year. Additional Teachers will be hired and there will be new administrative positions. Teachers may be promoted to higher rank admin positions opening up more teaching positions.

Ms. A mentioned to prevent disappointment, there may not be a Move Up Day as the school may not know what teachers will be teaching what grade.

TRANSFER PROCESS - IN PROCESS

- BESE must grant permission to transfer all students into new and current campus. This is a standard procedure. They have assured all students will have a spot. Log-ins will be created where parents will have to log in and show proof of residency. This is only for data tracking purposes and does not make a difference where one lives. Enroll Nola has received all names and put students into their system and created accounts. Info likely to go home in March after Mardi Gras break on what to do next.
- Parents will have the option to select which campus they would like their child to attend. However, Olivier has fewer spots and will be competitive. It has been asked that JP families be given preference to Olivier if they choose this campus.
- Olivier is K-5th, Camp is 3rd-8th, Dixon is K-2nd

SCHOOL START TIMES

- Olivier and Dixon
 - 8:00am-3:30pm; Carpool to begin at 7:45am
 - Wednesday dismissal is 2:30pm
 - Before and Aftercare will be available
- Camp St.
 - 8:30am-4:00pm; Carpool to begin at 8:15am
 - Wednesday dismissal is 3:00pm
 - Before and Aftercare will be available

BREAKFAST

- Hot breakfast will be available

UNIFORM POLICY

- Remains the same.

HOMEWORK POLICY

- No homework policy remains.
- Science projects are not considered as homework.

CURRICULUM

- IXL is used. iReady and Lexia were part of Jefferson Parish curriculum, but admin is working on the possibility of adding these into the Type 2 schools.
- Students will now have Circus Arts
- Middle School 6th-8th takes Mandarin in addition to their immersed language.
- 7th & 8th are offered electives i.e. Circus Arts, Choir, Photography, Lego League to name a few.
- Speech therapy remains.

OPEN HOUSE

- Campus tours are offered Monthly. Camp building is currently under refurbishment. Among repairs are newly refurbished windows and a new kitchen. Once refurbishment is complete at Camp St. and Open House will be offered to families who want to visit the campus with their children.

SECURITY

- ISL assures security procedures at new Dixon campus will align with procedures at Camp St. and Olivier Campus i.e. gates, keypad entries, security cameras.
- Security procedures may vary from campus to campus depending on the structure and setup of the building.
- Ms. T stated she has researched crime in the Dixon neighborhood and the neighborhood aligns with neighborhood of other campus. She also reiterates the separation amongst Hollygrove and Dixon.
- "We are vested in keeping our children safe." ~ Ms. Tennyson

DIXON BUILDING

- Lease signing will take place in March following some renovations.
- The building currently has a new roof and new windows. The building will be resealed where needed.
- The former Mary Bethune obtained a new campus. Upon leaving the Dixon building, all contents were left behind. All contents remain.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting is Wednesday March 22nd, 2017 at 6pm. Check ISL calendar on website for location.