

HMS PTO General Meeting March 14, 2018

Welcome and Introductions-Alice Waverley welcomed HMS parents, committee members and administrators.

Old Business-Approval of Minutes from January 16th 2018

Principal Report-Ruben Pena reported teachers and other school administrators are in discussion over the move into the new school. There are several logistical issues to figure out to help make the move to the new school happen efficiently, including moving of classrooms, offices, library and lockers.

Members of the Design Committee are making final decisions on finishes for new school.

Rally scheduled for today. This is an unprecedented event. The school administrators have had many discussions regarding the best and safest way to handle the rally for today. Mr. Pena will have teachers be placed at every door to assist kids with safety. HMS is in a unique situation because we are in a construction zone. Administrators will ask students to go to the commons area for the seventeen minutes the rally is scheduled as it is felt that is the safest area for HMS kids.

Administrators have been expressing to kids that participating or not choosing to participate in the rally is a personal decision made by the individual student and their families. Students and parents have been encouraged to discuss together what the rally means to them.

Parents that come to the school to participate in the rally with their student will be instructed to not take pictures or video the event. They will also be directed to a viewing area in the commons area.

Some students will be passing out postcards addressed to Parkland and to local legislative representatives. Ruben will explain the cards to the students during the rally and encourage them to bring them home and discuss them with their families

He will continue to encourage parents and students to reflect on their personal family values and to follow those values.

Speaker Presentation-Erika Sajpel (math) and Cheryl Petrou (Science) were present per Mr. Pena's request to provide to parents information on how common core standards have changed math and science instruction. They provided information on how they made changes to the way they teach math and science instruction to their middle school students.

<http://www.hmspto.org/wbcntnt3236/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Math-Presentation.pdf>
<http://www.hmspto.org/wbcntnt3236/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Science-Presentation.pdf>

Upcoming HMS Events and PTO Meetings

- Tuesday, May 8th 9:00 am PTO Meeting, Budget and New Board Approval and Board/Chair Appreciation

Upcoming Events-

- June 4th 2018 is now a full day student attendance day due to snow day. This day was formerly Grading Day
- Charlies Gift Autism Walk-Sunday, April 22nd, The Community House

Adjournment-9:58 am