

MS PTO General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 10:30am.
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Attendance: Dr. David Lovelin, Mr. Jeff Jacobson - KIS MS Head of Math Department, Mr. Robert Mijares - MS Math teacher, MS PTO board members, and about 100 KIS MS parents.

Welcome By PTO president

- MS President greeted all attending parents and faculties.

This Month MS PTO

- Lunch company selection process begins
 - Lunch monitoring for ~10/28 was completed .
 - The result was reported to school and JJ catering.
- A new school director search result
 - Mrs. Michelle Quirin, high school principal, was appointed as interim director for the coming school year
- Event changes under the Kim Young-Lan law
 - Book Fair (11/2~4), Parent-Teacher conferences (11/3~4), Fall Art Exhibition (11/14~17), Swimming Jamboree Host (11/19)

Principal's Report

- Applied learning and creativity
 - Dr. Lovelin introduced the author, Daniel H. Pink, who is award winning author of motivation and mindset for business.
 - Creativity is the most important thing in our society.
 - He shared the video clip "The puzzle of motivation"
 - He introduced human qualities you must have to succeed in work and life.
 - Critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, leadership, analyzing, curiosity, imagination, initiative, adaptability, entrepreneurialism, communication.
 - Through candle problem, he showed the way students learn at school, motivation behind the solution of the problem.
 - Why does learning look different at KIS?
 - Teachers teaches in different way.
 - Students learn how to find solution by themselves with some support.
 - The important thing is not only the grade, but also the learning process.
 - Dr. Lovelin explained about new SAT
 - SAT- It's about the real world.

- Old SAT - Memorization of math facts.
- New SAT - Question on the math test are designed to reflect the problem solving and modeling you'll do in. For instance, to answer some questions, you'll need to use several steps, because in the real world a single calculation is rarely enough to get the job done.

- KIS Math Program

	Standard	Accelerated	Standard 2	Accelerated 2
Grade 6	Math 6	Accelerated Math 6		
Grade 7	Math 7	Accelerated Math 7		
Grade 8	Math 8	Algebra		
Grade 9	Algebra	Geometry	Algebra	Geometry/ Algebra 2
Grade 10	Geometry	Algebra 2	Geometry/ Algebra 2	Pre Calculus
Grade 11	Algebra 2	TRA or Pre Calculus	TFA or Pre Calculus	(AP) Calculus
Grade 12	TFA or Pre Calculus and/or Statistics	(AP) Calculus and/or (AP) Statistics	(AP) Calculus and/or (AP) Statistics	(AP) Stats and/or (AP) Calculus or MV/LA

- Math Placement and Changes are based on:
 - Current performance in course
 - MAP scores
 - Assessments
 - Teacher recommendation
- There is No Skip Test given at any point in middle school.
- 9th grade double-up test information.
 - For double-up test, students need nothing beyond what they learned in algebra 1 up to the test date.
 - Double-up test usually is scheduled to take place end of April-beginning of May. Later, school will email the parents whose child are invited to take the exam.
 - There is no defined numbers for the students who will be picked.
 - The standards that will be used to judge are the whole body of information, including grades and double-up test scores.
 - School do not open any double-up test scores and exam to students. Only email parents whether the student passed or not.

- Homework is a consideration as far as it is mentioned in the recommendation from 8th grade teachers.

Invited Talk

- MS Math Department Philosophy - By Mr. Jacobson
 - In addition to learning new concepts and skills, the goal of MS math is to help students apply those concepts and skills to a variety of situations.
 - Students will be challenged to demonstrate their understanding through various real-world problems and assessments.
 - Middle school is a transformative time for students. So teachers will strive to instill good habits in their students.
 - After brief introduction of MS math course and philosophy, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Mijares, and Dr. Lovelin joined Grade meeting for individual talk.

Report by officers

- End of semester report - By Treasurer
 - 2016-17 Main income and expenditure.
 - Total income 17,265,000 with 15,965,000 membership fee and 1,200,000 donation.
 - Main expenditure
 - EE trip support
 - Breakfast On the Run
 - Songpyun day
 - General meeting Lunch
 - The balance so far is 9,532,037.
- Lunch Committee Report - By Lunch Special Committee
 - Lunch Monitoring was conducted for 6 weeks by volunteer parents.
 - Hygiene, Distribution/Checkout, Deli, Korean and Western menu were the points to be checked. The results were reported to KIS office and JJ Catering.
 - The Food service Bidding process is for
 - Delicious and healthy meals
 - More Variety of the meals
 - Reasonable price
 - Better environment
 - The Bidding Process for 2017:
 - Summer in 2016, Market Research
 - Oct. 11, 2016 Bid announcement
 - Oct. 18, 2016 Briefing Session
 - Nov. 8, Bid Proposal Deadline
 - Nov. 9-Nov. 11, First Evaluation
 - Dec. 1, Second Evaluation scheduled.
 - Final Decision will be made in Jan. 2017
 - JJ catering will not participate in this bidding process.

The MS PTO general meeting was followed by the grade meetings and were adjourned around 12:30 PM.

Dr. Lovelin, Mr. Jacobson, and Mr. Mijares attended the grade meetings and answered the individual questions from the parents.

Parents' feedback and suggestions at the grade meetings will be collected by each grade representative and will be used for the school improvements.