

MS PTO General Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 14th, 2017, 10:30am.
Conference Hall @ G building**

Attendance: Dr. David Lovelin, Mr. Eric Majors, Mr. Nick Ball, Dr. Elethia Rhoden, MS PTO board members, and about 60 KIS MS parents.

Welcome By PTO president

- MS President greeted all attending parents and faculties.

This Month MS PTO

- New MS Principal and MS Associate Principal for next school year.
 - Mr. James Slaid - Assistant Principal of Ballard High School, Seattle, WA since 2011
 - Mr. Eric Majors - KIS Music and Band teacher and MS Summer Program Principal for 2 years
- New guidelines for Anti-Graft Law
 - Now allows parents bring food and supplies for students' events
 - Still prohibits any gifts of any kind to teachers
- Lunch Company selection process updates
 - New lunch company selection is finalized and about to make a contract
 - New lunch service will begin on April 3rd
- MS PTO Mini-Grants
 - MS PTO is offering mini-grants up to 100,000 KRW to any MS students or MS clubs who need financial support from KIS MS PTO
 - Application Procedures
 - Fill out a MS PTO mini-grant application form and submit it to the MS office
 - Selected applicants should make 10 minutes presentation at the MS office
 - MS Principal will participate in the selection process
- Event Report
 - 1/17 Coffee with the Principal
 - 1/24 Artist Invitation Event
 - 1/26 Battle of the Books
 - 2/2-4 MS Drama: The Jungle Book

Principal's Report

- Parents Invitation Conferences
 - March 23rd 1-5 PM and March 24th 1-3 PM, 2 half days

- New courses were created
 - Math Lab- supporting math class
 - Literacy Lab- supporting writing and use of literacy
 - Introduction of Strings- very beginning of strings for up to 10 students
- Hired 4 new teachers
 - Transition is part of International schools.
 - Good side- more variety of chances to learn from different teachers
 - Bad side- Lose the teachers students liked
- Recent KIS reputation over international schools is getting higher, and it becomes easier to hire strong educator
- End of year presentation
 - Present highlights on students' learning over an year to parents
- Registration process began.
 - Go to KIS website - Middle school - Course catalog.
 - Students can find good informations about the courses on the catalog

Invited Talk

- Mr. Nick Ball : Rustic Pathways' Spring Break Trip Information for Parents
 - 16 students for Fiji, 5 students for Vietnam, and 66 students for Thailand signed up so far
 - School purchased traveler's insurance to each of chaperones and students
 - Last minutes checking meeting is being scheduled a few weeks before the trip
 - Basic trip Information is on Schoology, such as flight details, basic itinerary, and packing list
 - Check the schoology trip group for the details

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

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

Coffee with the Director Meeting for recent KIS issue updates was followed at 12:30 PM