

MS PTO General Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 13th, 2018, 10:30am.
Conference Hall, G building**

Attendance: Mr. Jim Slaid, Ms. Lisa Featherstone, MS PTO board members

Total parents attendees: Approximately 50

- I. Invited Talk Guest Ms. Featherstone (EE Trip Team/PE Dept)
 - a. EE Trip (May 16-18, 2018)
 - i. We feel this is important for the students to connect with other students during this trip.
 - ii. School's preparation: Each year we have a team that goes to each area to see what the students will eat, where they will stay, and the activities that are available. There are times when things have to be changed. First and foremost, we look at safety.
 - iii. 6th Grade (Seoraksan & the village of Baekdam) Theme: "Forging Friendships"
 1. Room/Board: Will stay at a university dormitory
 2. Day 1: Hiking along a canyon to a waterfall
 3. Day 2/3: Temple experience, cultural activities around the village, and animal rescue reserve view and view of wind turbines
 - iv. 7th Grade (Taeon NP) Featherstone will join the team Theme "Challenge Yourself"
 1. Room/Board: Will stay at the Sky and Sea Resort
 2. Day 1: Hiking along the Sinduri Coast (hiking, journaling, and sand dunes)
 3. Day 2: Salt farm, beach clean-up, clamming, team building, evening activities, bbq on the beach
 4. Day 3: Botanical garden and reflection
 - v. 8th Grade (Mahari) Theme "Thinking Beyond Yourself"
 1. Room/Board: Will stay at a pension along the river, and one night in a tent
 2. Day 1: Rafting the Donggang River
 3. Day 2: Spelunking Baekryoung Cave and skyjumping, freshwater aquarium where they will do a fish dissection
 4. Day 3: Skyjumping
 - vi. COMING UP:
 1. Students will learn more details during advisory lessons in May
 2. Permission slips signed before May 9
 3. Students should come to school with packed bags on Monday 5/14

4. Please see the Experiential Education site for any other information (found under the Academics tab of the KIS website) for permission slips, packing lists, trip itinerary, emergency contact protocol, and previous EE trip video clips, etc.
5. Students should be encouraged to pack their own bags so that they know what they have in their bags

b. RUSTIC PATHWAYS

- i. Information can be found on the website as well re the Thailand, Fiji, and Vietnam trips
- ii. Information Session will be held on

II. Principal's School Update

a. Upcoming events

- i. PTO conferences 3/15-16
- ii. There are parents sessions that are available where students can attend as well
- iii. Jamboree (Table Tennis/Volleyball) 3/17
- iv. 3/20 Band and Orchestra Chamber Ensemble concert
- v. 4/7 Boys Basketball Jamboree
- vi. 4/16-21 KIS Fine Arts Week
- vii. 4/19-21 KIS Musical "Beauty and the Beast"

III. Principal's Talk "Self Advocacy"

a. As applied to how this concept applies and relates to students

b. Authors: Paul Tough, Shawn Anchor, and Carol Dweck

- i. Carol Dweck: Responsible for growth mindset v. fixed mindset
- ii. Shawn Anchor: Being positive and being happy with a positive mindset brings positive results
- iii. Paul Tough talks about the terms grit and resilience
 1. Low income students and students from below avg backgrounds were shown to keep trying and overcoming obstacles and persevering, and it is important to try hard to have a good attitude as that will more likely yield a success.
- iv. When you speak up for yourself, when you decide what you want to do now or in the future, you are a self-advocate. Self-advocacy means understanding your strengths and weaknesses, developing personal goals, being assertive (meaning standing up for yourself, and making decisions.
- v. Had a student who said I don't care what I do as long as I'm doing what the other students are doing. Student was told that s/he should make sure to have their own opinions and stand up for himself.

vi. Bullying protocol

1. Tell others how you feel when they hurt your feelings -
“Hey, that made me upset.”
2. The two most powerful things that can be done in a relationship.
Offer an apology; accept an apology (Admit mistakes, forgive others for their mistakes): “I’m sorry”, “I forgive you.”
3. Ask others for help – teachers, parents, friends, classmates
 - a. Students have grown up in a digital age. They NEED to know that asking for help – directly – is an interpersonal skill.
4. Create something new and try something different
 - a. Design thinking process - students given a problem, create a solution, and “test” a problem.
 - b. Similarly, social problems should be solved the same way
5. Think of things from the perspective of the other person
 - a. Students know when they are hurt, but at the same time, can have a hard time when THEIR actions hurt others

vii. Building a Culture of Inclusiveness (Inclusion)

1. Creating a sense of belonging where every student is welcome by every other student, teacher, and parent
2. Building a community where students feel empowered to invite others and make them feel welcome
3. Fostering an environment where students, teachers, and parents is what we do and making inclusivity the norm
4. KIS is a school for ALL students
5. English is our common language of education and communication
6. What do parents and students do when we notice someone being excluded or treated differently?
 - a. We want our students to see us as models and exhibit such behavior.
 - b. It only takes a few and others will learn.
 - c. At the same time, we want students to respect this. Self-advocacy is not automatic – must be practiced. Must be inclusive to promote and encourage and actively create a culture of inclusiveness.

IV. Report from PTO Officers and Committee

a. Library Committee

i. MS Spring Book Fair (3/14-16) Books will be offered at 20% DC

1. 3/14 8-4pm
2. 3/15 8-5pm
3. 3/16 8-5pm

- b. Jamboree Committee
 - i. Jamboree Snack Sale parent volunteers needed for the following
 - 1. 3/17 Table Tennis and Volleyball
 - 2. 4/7 Basketball Jamboree
- c. Lunch Committee
 - i. Requests parents to fill out an online survey
- d. 2018-19 PTO Board Member Search and Brief Description of the MS PTO Board positions
 - i. POSITIONS
 - 1. Board members
 - a. President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer
 - 2. PRESS
 - a. PR
 - b. Website and IT
 - 3. Phoenix Store Manager
 - 4. Grade Reps
 - 5. Event coordinator
 - 6. Jamboree Coordinator
 - 7. Library Committee
 - 8. Lunch Committee
 - ii. ELECTION PROCESS
 - 1. The current MSPTO Executive officers will be the nominating committee. Their job is to create a slate of candidates to be voted on at the MAY PTO general meeting
 - 2. Nomination forms will be posted on KIS PTO website
 - 3. The committee will review each nomination form. Each nominee will be contacted to ensure his or her desire to be considered for a PTO officer position.
 - 4. Only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be considered
 - 5. IF there are 2 or more individuals for the same position, there will be a voting process
 - 6. An elected officer's term will begin 7/1-6/31

The MS PTO general meeting was followed by the grade meetings and was adjourned around 12:50 PM.

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