

# MS PTO General Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 17th, 2018, 10:30am.  
Mini Auditorium A&B**

**Attendance:** Mr. Jim Slaid, Mr. Plamondon, Ms. Quirin, MS PTO board members

**Total parent attendees:** Approximately 30

## I. Mr. Slaid's School Update

a. MAP testing next week. As there have been minor changes to the test taking process, teachers have been instructed to thoroughly inform the students. Please make sure that the students sleep well, eat well, and be well prepared for the test.

b. May 8 is the next general PTO meeting – a week before the spring trip. There will be many information updates between now and then so you can contact Ms. Featherstone, Mr. Plamondon, or myself for any questions.

## II. Rustin Pathways Spring Break EE Trip Review

a. Students who went on the trips loved them.

b. One student on the Fiji trip came back with a pink eye. However, all other students were fine. This means that the students were listening re the hygienic process – washing their hands, not sharing water bottles, etc.

## III. Invited Talk – World language department head teacher

a. For Q & A's please refer to the slides which Mr. Plamondon will provide to the MS PTO.

b. There will be some changes in the current MS and HS language programs in which students will be placed in language classes. Basically, we had this program years ago, but switched to a different placement level, but will be going back.

i. PLEASE refer to the slides.

c. The more successful students in Mr. Plamondon's class are students who choose the language because the students really want to learn the language.

IV. Ms. Quirin's Updates (KIS School Director and HS Principal)

- a. New Air Filter and Purifier System
  - i. The indoor air quality at school as monitored in the past few years wasn't as good as we wanted it to be. As a result, new air filter and purifier systems were installed in the school.
  - ii. Engineers' reports came back that the indoor air quality on a bad air day was actually good. However, some bad air quality was so strong that this reduced the air circulation and the motors and filter to flow the air level in the building. So the school decided to install additional air purifiers and air filters to reduce the bad air quality.
- b. 2018-19 Tuition Update Elementary has remained the same.
  - i. The secondary year had an increase of a tuition based on wages and other costs.
  - ii. Enrollment is a concern at the school.
  - iii. However, because enrollment has remained quite steady, there did not have to be much of an increase.
  - iv. NOTE: The number of students who paid deposits to return the following year were actually higher than previous years.