

2/21/2018 Parent Advisory Council Meeting **Compliments, Comments, and Concerns**

Special Education Questions - Mrs. Bridget Schiraldo

- 1. Can we ask for bigger room for IEP meeting I feel those small rooms are very cramped when we have everyone inside?

I will make sure Mrs. Surrett and Mrs. DuBois know they may sign up to use the main office conference room for IEP meetings. It's a little roomier.

- 2. Do kids in CBAP get chance to do Morning announcements not only in April month

We rotate all students so that have at least one opportunity to do the morning announcements. Mrs. Uhler creates the rotation and she will make sure all students get at least one opportunity. We will remind staff during today's faculty meeting that students in special education classes should join their general education classroom during their designated week.

- 3. How do they help kids during drill since some kids tend to have sensory issues

We alert the special-education teachers who have identified specific students with sensory issues. Either teachers, aides, or administrators work with these students to help them during the drills, including exiting the building before the bell is sounded.

- 4. Can special need parents get username and password for all the online links that gen ed gets. (Raz kids has expired can we have access)

Any special-education student is entitled to the same access as any general-education student. Please, contact your child's teacher if there is an access problem and I will address it.

Kindergarten Questions - Mrs. Lauren Salko

- My child has been telling me (since the start of school) that there isn't enough time to eat lunch. He tells me the lunch aides spend a lot of time on line-up & clean-up that leaves very little time to actually eat their lunch (he brings brown bag lunch). Can you please bring this up at the next mtg. Thanks so much!

Mrs. Uhler and I have directed the lunch aides to have the Kindergarten students seated by 11:55 so they can have the full lunch period for eating. The lunch aides implement a few minutes of quiet eating because the Kindergarten students tend to talk and not eat. The lunch aides minimize cleaning and lining up to 2-3 minutes, so the students have a about 22-23 minutes of unencumbered eating time. If a student needs more time, he or she can let a lunch aide know and they will give that student more time.

We will encourage students to bring a more substantial snack for the afternoon.

1st Grade Questions - Mr. Chris McCombs

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2nd Grade Questions - Mrs. Vanessa Lombardo

- The recent school shooting in Florida has once again brought up safety issues for our kids. In addition to the monthly lockdown exercise, is/are there any other safety measure(s) the school or the district is planning on implementing to limit the dangers (as much as possible) to begin with? While it's great that there is a plan in place for what to do in that situation, it would be even better if there were steps taken to prevent (again, as much as possible) any such scenarios from happening.

Over the summer, we increased security in our main office. Visitors may only enter through the front door and must be then buzzed into the building. All visitors wear a badge.

Our district and school crisis management teams meet monthly to discuss school safety. During these meetings, we create emergency plans to fine-tune our existing emergency procedures. As a result of these meetings, we have ordered 10 additional walkie-talkies. We have also started to implement more real-life scenarios, such as a lockdown in the cafeteria, which Mrs. Uhler practiced with each grade-level. During an upcoming lockdown drill, we will practice having a teacher call the drill using voices only.

Mr. Markarian is keenly aware of the need to protect our students. Just days after the shooting, we held an emergency District Crisis Management meeting to discuss safety measures. The district is researching:

- Bullet-proof film for the main office
- New locks for classroom doors
- Key-coded doors
- Swipe cards

All of these measures will require a good deal of funding. In the meantime, we have arranged for Officers Neimann and Baldassarre to complete a TRAP training with our staff this afternoon to help them be better prepared for an intruder.

3rd Grade Questions - Mrs. Colleen Harris

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4th Grade Questions - Mrs. Colleen Heinemann

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5th Grade Questions - Mrs. Inga Matukhina

- I wanted to reach out about the Music Calendar that was created as a result of all the questions about Chorus, Strings and Band, last month. The calendar is working well, but not for Band. Ms. Hunnemeder is not using it. Is there a reason? Also, why is there zero consistency with the early morning band schedule? It's cancelled every other week, it seems. If Mr. Ciempola can shed some light on this, that would be great.

We will ask Ms. Hunnemeder to add her morning rehearsals to the calendar again.

- Also, there is a rumor going around about the Fifth-Grade end of year 'clap out.' Rumor has it that the clap out has been moved to the morning this year, and the kids will return to class afterward, instead of at the end of the last day of school, right before the kids walk out. Is there any truth to this? Or just a silly rumor? It sounds very strange to have moved it, as the point is to clap them 'out' :) Thanks for checking on this!

No, the clap-out will remain the same as last year and will be held at the end of the day.

- Do you know where the PAC meeting minutes are from December and January? They do have a place for the meeting minutes but I don't think a lot of people know about them. It's here: <https://www.chspto.org/pac-meeting-minutes.html> I guess my PAC question would be can the meeting minutes be added online the week after the meeting? We still don't have the minutes for December or January online. I find them to be very informative.

We will add the PAC minutes as soon as we are able.

- I've heard from several students that they would like more to play with when they have recess on the side parking lot. I'd be happy to donate sidewalk chalk, new balls etc., but perhaps someone could create a sign-up on sign-up genius as to what exactly and how much is needed?

Mrs. Uhler actually placed an order for nearly \$1000 of recess equipment today. It includes:

I will ask AfterCare to pick up balls.

Rainbow® Catch-A-Cup™ Set (12 sets)
Screamin' Rainbow® Coated-Foam Ball Pack (30 balls)
Rainbow® UltraCatch™ Scoops (6 sets)
Rainbow® Bull's-Eye Velcro® Catch Sets (6 sets)
Rainbow® Multi-Dome™ Activity Sets (for football targets)
DuraHoopPlus (30 inch) (12 hoops)