Minutes: MIMS PTO Meeting

December 2020

Dec 11 - via Zoom
Minutes provided thanks to Elem VP Felicia Ziegler

Greetings by Kelly Opot, President

Admin Update

Chromebook purchases
Taking inventory and it will be finalized by next week

Staffing
More vacant spots
Hiring freeze from hisd
Long term subs
More reading help for first grade coming
Learning what TEKS need to be taught in seventh grade

Kid’s school attendance has gone down due to more kids being virtual

Five presumed covid 19 cases at MIMS
What to do during presumed cases includes resting.
Ying says the virus needs time to do its thing before testing

We are number four in the city.
Did not mention what we are number four in.
[MIMS MS recognized by Children at Risk]

Chinese frequency
Regarding testing for pre k
He will do the retesting so he will be hard to reach for a few days

Academic Boot Camp
Two day boot camp during Thanksgiving Break, [Winter break], and Spring Break
School will reach out to you if it is needed
Will include math, Mandarin and reading

How the program will be pushed to the next level includes:
New segment for kids to do the morning the announcements in Mandarin
Two speech contest throughout the year for native and non native speakers
Guest Speakers that will speak to the speak to the kids about the covid vaccine and other experiences that they cannot find in books

Questions and Answers
Are there any positive cases?
None yet...tests pending
Are the subs staying?
Yes, some are becoming certified.
Will there be two categories for the speech contest?
Yes, the Taiwanese community center has two categories...heritage and non heritage.
Does Yin grade middle school on high frequency words?
No, their progress is reflected on their report cards.
How will Chinese New Year make money?
Please donate and see sponsorship packages.

Segue into Nick Palmer
He needs help with CNY
Plans to make grab bags and have an activity to take home

Segue into Jocelyn Li
Thank you for pies.
Lunch boxes next month.
Gift bags for the teachers

Segue into Kris O brian
Movie nights 25 dollars per car per movie, snacks and possibly pizza
Spirit nights upcoming Dream dinners and Poke Burri and Sallis Soapery

Kelly Opot closes
Thanks everyone

1. Minted - on the website - buy cards for holidays, get a discount, & raise money for MIMS
2. Calendar & What’s upcoming
   a. Subscribe!!!
   b. Roll & Go Spirit nights - Poke Burri through December 19 - make sure you let them know to save the receipt for MIMS
   c. Dream Dinners
   d. MIMS family movie night: Friday, December 18 - double feature!
   e. HISD winter break Dec 21 - Jan 1. Back to school on 1/4
f. PTO general meeting 1/15

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