

## Sligo PTSA Meeting - March 08, 2022

Attendees: Kristy Wright, Patrick Bilock, Angeline O'Shea, Stacey Iobst, Kate O'Sullivan, Gulnar Nagashybayeva, Lisa White, Tina Moss, Heather Collick, Sherry Klein, Lindsey DaSilva, Allison Nadelhaft, Joe Davis, Brett Imamura, Lisa Jackson, Kim Johnson-Redder, Allison Nadelhaft, Forsgren?, Charlene Brown-McKenzie, Jeff F.

Meeting began at 7:04pm

- February 2022 PTSA meeting minutes approved (motion by K. Sullivan, 2nd by L. DaSilva, all in favor)
- School Dance
  - Details:
    - 4/29, 7-9pm
    - Outside on tennis and basketball courts
    - Food truck, photobook, DJ sponsored by SGA
    - Games depending on cost
    - Students are selecting the theme
  - Not sponsored by PTSA, but we are supporting the effort
  - Need parent volunteers to identify vendors, decorate, chaperone
- Selection of permanent principal
  - Interviews were conducted last week
  - Mr. Bilock was also interviewed as a candidate
  - On 3/24 recommendation will be passed on to school board
- Call for volunteers for the nominating committee
  - PTSA is reviewing position descriptions and will disseminate the information soon
- Sligo MS Admin Updates & Q&A
  - Mask update
    - Masks are now optional
    - The community will respect each individual's decision about whether to wear a mask
  - Standardized testing updates
    - MAP test is adaptive, administered nationally K-12
    - Proficiency and growth are the two focal data-points
      - Proficiency=measures performance against an established national score range; 50% or higher is on grade level or above
      - Growth=rate of knowledge attainment compared to other students who started at the same school at the previous test administration; 50% or higher means student is outpacing the performance of their peers
    - Scores inform teaching and support needed for each student
    - Sligo typically utilizes winter testing option to gain additional data point - allows teachers to tailor instruction
    - Previous testing

- All students, with the exception of those currently in Algebra or Geometry, took MAP-M this winter (Jan/Feb 2022). All took MAP-M in Fall of 2021.
  - Data analysis is ongoing but based on what's known at this point Sligo is on par with the rest of the county
- Upcoming Testing
  - MISA (Maryland Integrated Science testing)
  - MCAP Testing-Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (the new PARCC), but it now includes science and social studies for 8th grade students.
- Special testing update will be included in the weekly message and in a separate message
- Behavioral issues
  - Some behaviors noted: social media, group chats, physical contact, racial slurs, name calling, profanity, cutting
  - Have had two town halls as a school and by grade level to discuss this behavior with students
  - Planning restorative justice circles-dialogs during PE classes with support from counseling department
    - March 11th, Periods 2-7
    - Group sizes: 12-16
  - Parents can help:
    - By reporting what students are sharing about how things are going at school
    - By monitoring group chats and social media. Encourage students to consider whether they'd be proud to share their posts/messages with parents/family members.
- 8th grade class updates
  - This class has missed middle school opportunities due to COVID more than any other class
  - June 1st-Will take the usual Kings Dominion trip
  - June 8th-In lieu of a dance in the cafeteria-considering a lunch cruise on the Spirit of Washington. MCPS school buses are available to transport to the event but not for the return. Charter buses are outside of the budget. There are 246 8th graders. PTSA has some funding available. Mr. Davis will investigate whether charter buses could bring students back for a reduced rate.
  - Promotion ceremony will be 6/15 at Einstein HS at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm