

April 22, 2021

Final High School PTO Meeting for the school year

Kenji Matsudo:

District Update: Board meeting last Monday - listened to final study on staff mental health and wellness. Need to make sure that our staff is fully functioning. They are the greatest resource to our district. The survey group presented some ideas/suggestions to focus on staff mental health and wellness for next year.

Renewed contracts for teachers and hired new staff at the preschool. Reggie Rindels was hired on as a permanent 3rd grade teacher, as well as another new hire.

Enrollment/Facility and Operating Needs:

Have continued to watch enrollment studies since 2015. Most recent study as the district projected to grow for the next 8-10 years. 4 modular units have been added to the elementary school. What do we do for the next 8-10 years? Through a feasibility study, we have decided to look at a brick and mortar addition and moving the 5th graders to the elementary school. This change will begin in the 2023-2024 school year. Levy will be added to ballot for an operating levy and bond issue. This will be the lowest operating levy we have placed up for a vote.

Calendar for 2021-2022 school year has been revised. We will now have 3 PD days versus 2. This gives us the opportunity to have a fall break. Friday October 15th will be a day off for all staff and students.

Auditorium is nearing completion and was used for the Spring Musical.

Plans for next school year - our default will be in person learning. We will not have regularly scheduled kids zooming from home.

Health Watch board still meets weekly to discuss covid updates. They have been very helpful and are very thankful for their assistance.

Dave Kennedy:

There is a lot going on at the High School. The spring brings a busy time with lots of emotions, excitement, etc.

Teacher appreciation is next week. Thank you to everyone who is trying to make this a great week for our staff.

Course testing has been going well. Testing will continue into May with AP testing. From February - end of year, we have a lot of testing occurring at the High School.

The musical went well. It was exciting to see students on the stage. The space was great. We are now looking for our next theater director.

No final exams this year. Communication will be going out with a plan of what the last few days of school will look like. We will have some early dismissal days.

Celebrating the class of 2021. They are down to 19 days of school left before they complete their senior year. We will be sending out communication to all senior parents. We have 43 top seniors out of a class of 105. Top seniors have 4.0 or above. This is the last year that we will have a valedictorian and salutatorian.

Junior/Senior Prom - Camargo Events has been so helpful. May 15th. Will have after-prom. Will have tents with cicada screens. We are complying with all covid restrictions.

Vince R.:

Counseling Update:

Thank you to everyone who has supported all of us during this year.

Counselors are continuing to work on scheduling. Courses will be locked on May 15th.

The AP scene has been shifting. The schedule has changed since the beginning of the year. The way that the tests will be given is changing. This year's digital test is different than last year - more complete than last year. The majority opinion of our staff was to shift back to paper exams this year. We will be doing this for the first 3 weeks in May. But, if a student must take an exam late, they must take it digitally. We are working hard to make sure all students can be here to take the paper exam. If a student must take a digital test, we are working hard with our tech team and staff to make sure the playing field is level.

There has been a lot of discussion about the students coming in next year. 8th graders are coming in who have not had typical exposure to the High School. We are doing all we can to make sure these students have a good transition. We are working to see what types of solutions - trying to see if we can bring the 8th graders here before the end of the school year for a tour. This is an ongoing conversation.

We will be having a more traditional schedule next year. We will be moving away from block schedule and going back to students being in each class each day. This is not official yet, but this is what we are thinking in terms of the schedule next year.

Ann:

May 6th. Kona Ice will be here for students and staff who want to have the opportunity to get Kona Ice.

Continuing with the same PTO Board.

Open to discussion regarding the best format/time for PTO meetings going forward.

Tina Isgrig:

We have hardly spent any money. We have 11k in the bank with 2k left in expenses.