

**CMS PTO Meeting**  
**Friday, January**  
**Meeting Notes**

Call to Order - 12:05 pm

Agenda for meeting approved by vote.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

President – Kelly Hopper, Vice President – Katie Cole, Treasurer – Kathleen Cooper, Secretary – Leslie Fuller

**CMS and District Staff in Attendance:**

CMS Principal – Nate Swenson, CMS Associate Principal – Rich Larson, CMS Impact Instructor – Vanessa Plopper, EPHS Associate Principal – Tim Quick

**Board Updates**

President – The fall fundraiser had a profit of about \$13K. This money goes directly back to CMS students and also funds teacher and staff appreciation. Two examples of grants benefitting students this year are seating to enhance the 8<sup>th</sup> grade English Dept. and yoga mats and supplies for the Counseling Dept. There will be future CMS nights out announced for Culvers and Red's Savoy Pizza. Waiting to go to Chipotle again until the fall, when the event is most successful.

**Thank You Video**

The thank you video produced by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students showing the bean bags, rockers, yoga mats purchased for the English Dept. was presented.

**Tim Quick's Presentation About 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration**

Requirements for graduation: 54 credits, 35 of which are required (there is space in the schedule for 64 credits), passing grades in all required classes, completion of all required assessments (ACT, MCA, etc).

The schedule at the HS is a four-period day with four terms per year.

Required in 9<sup>th</sup> grade: social studies, science, English, math plus electives. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades must register for 16 credits.

When choosing classes, consider things like current class levels/performance, academic interests, and college requirements if known. Don't take a class just because a friend is taking it or it's rumored to have a great teacher or easy grading – have a plan.

There is an open house for parents and students on January 31. Registration begins online February 1 and closes February 11. There will be a hotline for questions at 952-975-8333 February 5 and 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Example schedules and the presentation from the January 31 open house will be posted on line.

Regarding a question about sign language, it is being accepted by more colleges now as foreign language credit.

#### Vanessa Plopper's Breakout Box Presentation

In Impact, students take a series of assessments to learn about themselves. They also read a passage and watch a TED talk about dyslexia. A popular activity with students uses "breakout boxes", which are boxes with several different types of combination locks securing them. Students work together to figure out the combination to each of the locks from a series of clues given to them. Once all of the locks are opened, students are surprised to find small treats as rewards in the boxes. PTO participated in this activity on two teams and all involved thought the activity would be a fun and successful way to reinforce the 4C's with students.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 pm.

Notes submitted by Leslie Fuller, CMS PTO Secretary