

Central Middle School PTO Meeting

Friday, January 11th, 2019 @12pm

CMS Media Center

Meeting called to order at 12:04pm.

Nate Swenson, Principal, opened the meeting with the 2 main topics of discussion. First, Designing Pathways and second, high school registration.

DESIGNING PATHWAYS

The process was started 3 years ago to determine Eden Prairie's vision for education and the facilities needed to support the vision. Nate is very excited to be a part of such an amazing change with critical forward thinking.

On Monday, 1/7/19, the Board decided that the \$39.9 million bond will be put on a special election ballot in May. It will be an all or nothing bond that, if approved, will be completed in 2.5 years. The biggest portion of the bond will directly impact CMS:

*6th grade will move to CMS

- -Expansion for 26 classrooms and other collaborative meeting spaces
- -New gym space
- -New performance space for band/choir/drama/orchestra
- -Larger cafeteria (current lunch periods from 10:00-1:00. More space will condense lunch to more reasonable time periods)

*Personalized learning spaces for a collaborative environment (~\$4mil)

*Additional security measures at all sites (~\$1.2mil) NOTE: if the bond is not approved, there is still money in the district funding for safety and security updates, but not all and it will take longer.

*Still more detailed decisions to be made on how 6th grade will look at CMS regarding class switches, mosaic/advanced classes, spanish immersion, etc. Special needs will be considered and improved.

*Important to note: If bond does not pass and current preschool does not move into elementary schools, the district will start being charged \$700,000 per year for facility rental.

*About \$6 per month on a \$350,000 home.

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Tim Quick, Associate Principal, Eden Prairie High School

Most important thing to remember - PLAN. Try to think through your course plan the best you can for your 4 years so you don't want to take a class in your Jr/Sr year that has pre-requisites you haven't fulfilled.

Tim discussed the requirements to graduate and showed examples of a block schedule. Block schedule is 4 periods per quarter and a full year is completed in 1 semester (2 quarters). Talk to current teachers about what to take next year (regular vs. honors) Math is usually the course with the most discussion.

All information can be found on the high school website. A meeting for 8th grade parents will be held on 1/30/19 at 6:00pm with another at 7:30pm in the high school PAC. Requirements and steps will be explained and course catalogs will be distributed. Email will be sent soon with more details.

Information will be given to 8th grade students during Advisory period at CMS.

Registration is 1/31-2/11 online only. Classes/staffing are built based on registration requests so tough to change later.

HOTLINE 2/4 and 2/6: 952-975-8333

Adjournment 1:04pm

Next PTO meeting

Friday, March 8th, 2019

12:00 PM, CMS Media Center