

Merriam PTO Community Meeting

11/12/19

Parker Damon Library

- Guest Presentation- Superintendent Peter Light
 - New school building project
- PTO Bylaw Review
 - Review the Bylaw process by which the gap in our functioning was brought forward
 - Bylaws are not reflective of the community the way that there written
 - Principal Entry findings: clear that parents in general would like more of an opportunity to find meaningful ways to volunteer
 - Want to make this process as transparent as possible
 - Want to grow on strengths that we have in the community
 - Reach out to Juliana to be a part of the steering committee to do this work to amend/examine the bylaws by Friday 11/15/19
 - Want to have the bylaws reflect the values of the community
 - Need to be in compliance with 501(c)(3)
 - How do we create volunteer opportunities that work for people's lives?
 - Have a more manageable entry point for parents/families to get involved in the PTO
 - Make the PTO an inclusive organization
 - Part of the conversation for the committee may be the purpose of fundraising for the PTO

- PTO Board vs. PTO meeting, what's the difference? - Something for the committee to explore
- Communication - How? What are the avenues? There is a massive communication disconnect
 - Communication Flow Chart
- Role of room parents within the PTO? How can we make a connection there? Balance the workload
- Upcoming PTO events
 - Basketball Game 12/5/19
 - Does the name "PTO Basketball Game" make sense rather than a "Parent vs. Teacher Basketball Game"
- Increasing PTO Involvement
 - It would be helpful to have a conversation with time commitments (general) to help give clarity to what the position entails
 - Volunteer document with outlines of roles was handed out and will be posted on the website
- Review of PTO Roundtable
 - Challenge Success
 - Finance Committee presentation
 - Slow tech week
- Approve PTO Board
 - President: Beth Chimento
 - Secretary: Kate Lemke
 - Treasurer: Shirlee Stein