

Update to the Board

February 8, 2017

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FACILITIES

- We continue to struggle with the store-front doors. It looks like a solution will be coming soon in the form of a new door configuration for the front doors.
- The theater is still not complete. There are several issues we are working through including: doors, installation of remaining seats and repair of ripped fabric on seats.
- Regarding Expansion: I had the opportunity to speak with David from Highmark in order to better understand the project status. He explained that traffic management is a significant risk to the project, as the town is still unhappy with the traffic issues we cause on Town streets. There is talk of creating a fourth stacking lane on our property at an additional cost which could help with the traffic problems but might not change the town's opinion on this matter. This cost will impact the total project budget and will push the limits of the ratios in the proforma. With these two risks to the project, a final decision will be made either way by March 1. This date is significant, in that all decisions at this time impact school scheduling, staffing and programming. Consideration of a Plan B might be in order up to and including postponement of the expansion. School administration is working on a few scenarios.

FINANCES

- See Tiffany's report
- We are working to have the 2017-2018 ready for preliminary board review at the March meeting.

ACADEMICS

- As we head into the second round of STAR testing, we will be doing a comparison of fall and winter scores in order to gauge instruction and to help us plan for professional development for teachers.
- Data from the first round has been supplied to Highmark and has been shared with all of you via Google docs.
- Preliminary discussions are underway to determine mathematics curriculum moving forward. Teachers, students and parents are not happy with Pearson for a variety of reasons. We will be compiling data, as well as curriculum comparison for board consideration in the coming months. This change would be for the 2017-2018 school year.

ENROLLMENT

- We will be sending out an Intent to Return google form in an attempt to plan enrollment for next year. While we understand that things change over the summer with many families, we would like to get a good idea of who will be returning/not returning for next school year.

- We continue to field inquiries about the high school. Some general information we can share with families would be very helpful.

STAFFING

- New custodian hired on January 30.
- We are having staff complete Passports over the next few weeks to gather information about next year. We will use this information to plan for next year.

CULTURE/STUDENT LIFE

- The Spring Auction planning is underway! Committees are formed and we have chairpersons for each. Additionally, we have two committee chairs to oversee the whole event who have experience hosting these types of events at other schools. Committee chairpersons are: **Shannon Zielonka and Joanne Holt**
- The event--Denim and Diamonds will be October 21, 2017 at the Wildlife Experience. Both a live and silent auction will be held that evening, as well as lots of other ways families can donate to the school. Food will be served, along with dancing! Should be a fun night.
- Shrek Jr. auditions are being held the week of February 7.

BOARD HELP NEEDED

We will need board assistance with corporate sponsorships for the spring auction. I will provide details at our next meeting.