February 8, 2018

***Attendance****:* Lisa Fink, Hannah Hart, Staci Farrell, Gentry Grimes, Catie Grimes, Hedy Sberna, David Barnes, Sarah Todrick, Vicki Rhine, Beth Stojanovic, Donna McMaster, Twila Powers, Tara Therre, Chris MacEwan, Lisa Urban, Monica Freeland

* Meeting was called to order by Lisa Fink at 2:37pm

***Finance Update***

* Approximately $2,785.82

***ELA Presentation (Matt Stohler)***

* ELA Initiatives
  + Power Standards
    - Vocabulary
    - Information Texts
    - Literature
  + Writing
    - A.C.E.S Writing
      * Answer, Cite, Explain, Summarize
    - FSA Writing Assessment coming soon
  + Cross Curricular Projects
    - Be the Change
  + Remediation Strategies
    - PAWS
    - Lunch and Learn
  + New iReady Testing
    - Fall Window
    - Winter Window
  + Effects on Midterm Results
    - Positive results

***Social Studies Presentation (Sarah Todrick)***

* 6th Grade - Ancient World History
  + Topics Covered
    - Geography
    - Thinking like a Historian
    - Ancient Cultures
    - Mythology and Belief System
  + Flipped classroom model
    - Lecture notes taken at home to allow for labs and in-depth exploration
* 7th Grade – Civics
  + Topics Covered
    - Enlightenment
    - Bill of Rights
    - Constitution
    - Role and Responsibilities of Citizen
    - Political Process
  + Only Social Sciences with a state mandated exam
    - Over 90% pass rate
* 8th Grade - U.S. History and Career Planning
  + Topics Covered
    - European Colonization
    - Revolutionary War
    - Early President
    - Westward Expansion
    - Civil War
    - Career Planning, Community Service
  + Utilize co-teaching
* Mini-lab: Thinking Like a Historian

***Registration/Transition (Vicki Rhine)***

* Most 8th graders transition to Nease
* Last year 75 students did not attend Nease – attending other high schools in the county via academy programs
  + Academy window closes today for next school year
* About 500 8th graders currently
* 8th grade students must verify residency
  + Reaching out to parents for verification documentation
* Rising 7th and 8th graders
  + Teachers make course recommendation for course placement next year
  + Students receive form to choose electives for next school year
    - Will be going home with student tomorrow – needs to be returned to school
    - Elective opportunities increase from 6th to 8th grade
* Interims published tomorrow
* High schools coming to PBMS soon for course registration for upcoming 9th graders

***Good News from Mr. Willets***

* Current enrollment 1,491
* Basketball season in full swing
* NJHS induction on February 20th
* High school academy deadline is today for upcoming 9th graders
* PBMS Policy: Forgotten projects and homework will not be delivered to students
  + Students may come to office between classes to check for any items that may have been dropped off
  + Forgotten lunches are taken to the cafeteria
* Pre-arranged checkout forms in the works
  + Student has form already filled out and just has to show to the teacher so the office isn’t having to be call into classrooms
* NYC Trip coming up
* Two new staff members
  + Mr. Denny – Paraprofessional
  + Ms. Starner – 6th grade ELA
* 8th graders must fill out residency forms before being able to buy a Gradventure ticket
* Elementary School visits on March 12th
  + Parent night will be March 13th
* PTSO Fundraiser: IMAX Movie Night
  + Tickets will be $16 – includes movie, popcorn, and drink
* Yearbooks currently on sale for $35
* 8th grade superlatives released today
* 8th grade dance moved to the last day of school, May 24th
* 8th grade graduation will be split into two waves so all families can attend – more information to come
* Mill Creek Academy (MCA)
  + K-6 opening next school year
  + K-7 for 2019-2020
  + K-8 for 2020-2021
  + PBMS will be hosting after school programs next year for MCA
* PBMS slated to have 400 incoming 6th graders for 2018-2019
* PBMS will maintain most systems currently in place for next school year

***Next Meeting Date***

Next meeting will be March 8, 2018 at 2:30PM in the media center

***Meeting adjourned at 3:37***