

MS Council Meeting - 5.17.23

Chair's Remarks, Deirdre Doheny

- This is our final MS council meeting!
- MS Social, Friday 5/19 - tickets still available in MTK
- 5/26 MS Field Day - we could use parent help. Please see the SUG in Deidre's email
- Memorial Day - volunteer opportunities for middle schoolers; please see Deidre's email

Dr. Rachel Kelly, Superintendent

- Thanks for coming out to support us yesterday. Over 1000 votes cast for the budget which passed with resounding support
- 2 new board members elected - Sara Kenny and Christina Skinner
 - Thank you to Michael Finley and Jennifer Russo who are retiring
- Two propositions passed -
 - At-large voting for board elections moving forward.
 - Eliminated cap for our capital reserve fund ,which allows us to put surplus funds into there and hopefully avoid having to take out as large a bond for future capital projects

Principal Joe Mercora

- Student presentations
 - Megan McBrien, 6th grader. Young Simba in the MS play
 - Cullen Krause and Alexandra Zhuta, 7th Grade, shared their Bronx River Research findings and experiences..
 - Caroline Ryan, 7th Grade, shared International Fair experience and Girl Scouts anti-bullying awareness project.
 - Emerson Dennis and Emilia Teodorczuk, 8th Grade, National History Day experience. A deep dive into their topics with the theme of Frontiers in History
- End of year countdown
 - MS Chorus concert, May 25, 7pm
 - Field Day May 26
 - Fifth grade parent orientation, May 31, 7pm with tours available starting at 6pm
 - Sixth Grade Challenger Trip, June 5
 - MS Orchestra Concert, June 6 7pm
 - MS Band Concert, June 7 7pm
 - Algebra Regent exam, June 15
 - Tenn Center June 20
 - MS Moving Up Ceremony, June 22, 7pm
- Great 8th grade trip to Williamsburg
- Incredible art show - thank you to the Arts Council and Ms D'Arco
- Thank you Deirdre for her incredible leadership and shout out to Wendy Fahy, our incoming Chair

Katrina Nay, Bronxville Foundation

- Foundation approved a slew of grant requests - subject to board approval
- Thank you to the applicants
- Thanks for supporting our community drive. If you've not yet donated, our fiscal year end is June 30, please consider supporting the foundation

Annabella Davis, B*well update

- Bringing back NY bestseller Julie Lythcott-Haims - please join the Zoom on Wed May 24 at 7pm

Denise Mulhivill, Character and Community

- Looking for new members for our committee, please join us on May 24 9:45am at Bronxville Coffee House

Alanna Leavell, 8th Grade Chair

- Celebration at the Bronxville Field Club following the Moving Up Ceremony
- Student volunteers from the grade will help with party planning - please let us know if your son or daughter wants to help
- Working with 7th grade chairs on making the graduation special
 - Opportunity for Class T-shirt and yearbook signing TBD
- Thanks to Mr. Mercora, Mr. Agnello and all the chaperones for taking our kids to Boston and Williamsburg and making their year special

Melissa Kelly, Teen Center

- June 20 - 6 and 7th grade Teen Centers - scavenger hunt etc. on Hayes Field
 - 6th grade 3-4:30pm
 - 7th grade: 5-6:30pm
 - Both will held be outside
 - Please sign up to volunteer via MTK

PTA Update, Amy Krause

- Thank you to Deidre, Joe, Rachel and all the parents on the MS Council and thanks to the parent body for your support of the PTA

Wendy Fahy, incoming MS Chair

- Next year's committee will include Lansing Martinelli, Vice Chair; Lindy Deveraux, Treasurer and Joyce Barnes, Secretary
- Plenty of opportunities to join one of the MS exec council committee, including Teen Center, Character and Community, Sustainability ... Or if you're interested in volunteering and not sure what to do, please email me.