

Minutes for the SSIMS General PTSA Meeting

Attendees:

John Haas—SSIMS Acting Principal

Katie Ryan—Co-President

Parents

Location and date: Media Center at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12/12/10

Welcome

Katie Ryan welcomed the parents and thanked them for coming out so close to the holiday season. Due to the low turnout, she and Mr. Haas decided to hold the presentation on the School Improvement Plan for a later meeting.

Principal's Update

Mr. Haas reminded the parents that there would be a student vs. staff basketball game on Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00. This activity is a fundraiser for the 8th grade.

On Thursday the 23rd, staff will be visiting classrooms, caroling and passing out candy canes to students.

On January 4th, Ms. Sigley will be holding a Math Midterm Exam meeting for parents in the Media Center from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

On January 13th, there will be an articulation meeting for incoming 5th grade parents.

The Counseling Department will be holding monthly career lunches starting in January. Students will be able to learn about different careers in various subject fields. January's meeting will be about medicine. Additional monthly meetings plan to cover law, human services, technology, and science careers.

SSIMS will also be holding a College Readiness workshop starting in early February. The workshop will last for 10 weeks.

Student Service Learning Hours

Mr. Haas presented a summary of the requirements of Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours. In order for MCPS students to graduate, they must complete 75 hours of service work with a non-profit organization. Students who have reached the 75-hour requirement by the first Friday in April of a middle school year are eligible to receive the Superintendent's Service Learning Award. The SSL form (available at the school and on the MCPS website) requires students to prepare, take action, and then reflect on their experience. After the form is completed it must be submitted to Ms. Mannix in Room 135.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.