

NEMS Parent Advisory Meeting Minutes
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1. Introductions:

In attendance: Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Marley, Mrs. Egger, Mr. Ritschel, Ms. Hollinger & Mrs. Rollins.

2. Parking, Parent Pickup and walkers: Officer Christian

Crosswalk/Eagle's Landing subdivision - All students in those subdivisions are assigned to buses.

Update regarding flashing lights on Trenton Road as you get closer to the school.

The light is the city's responsibility. Officer Christian does not have any information on when they will address the problem.

3. Parent pick up flyers - Ms. Barnett and Coach Atkins

Flyer was sent out via connect ed. Still having a few issues so we may want to pass it out as a hard copy in January. Most problems are happening during the afterschool program. Mr. Ritschell mentioned that part of the problem is that students are not released at the same time. Cars are getting stuck behind parents that have not gotten their students. Ms. Hollinger will check with afterschool programs on release times. NHD comes out a little later - maybe have a set spot for them to be picked up.

4. Academy and NEHS information night - Ms. Hollinger

January 12, 2015 - Tuesday evening at NEMS 8th grade information night. Student are encouraged to attend. What track should a student that is interested in Middle College take? Folders will be available along with registration dates, focus electives, applications for academies, course catalogs.

Explore scores -

NEHS Counselors

Academy Presentation and Q & A session

5.. Parent Ambassador update: Melissa Marley

Proxy shopping - Ms. Marley volunteered to proxy shop the Tuesday dates. The warehouse does not always have everything that teachers want so she asks that they have a backup plan. 1 volunteer for every 2 teacher. Mrs. Mitchell will send out an email for parent volunteers to shop on designated dates.

Update on button maker - Ms. Hollinger check in with other middle schools.

6. District Parent Communication Liaison - Alex Ritschel

7. Choir - Ms. Barnett

Choir concert tonight at APSU in the Music/Mass Communications Building.

Concert is free but donations are accepted.

Solo/Ensemble Festival - January 23.

Talent Show - Spring maybe around March.

Musical Lion King will be performed in April. Auditions are today and Wednesday.

Students must come to both.

8. Band update Josh Underwood - Band concert went well and sounded great. Ms. Hollinger and Mr. Underwood have been brainstorming ideas for places to hold future concerts.

9. PBIS & Eagle Store

Commercials are running in the morning.

Bowling Field trip went well.

10. School Sign - Ms. Marley and Ms. Egger

Painting the pole - Almost done, they just need a few extra coats of paint and it will be ready. The pole was donated by F & M bank, Stacey was interested but has not responded. They discussed solar lighting or a bigger sign.

11. Thanksgiving luncheon - Mrs. Marley

Most parents that attended are on Power School. Parents report that they get most of their information from connect ed. Paper handouts are not as useful. Ms. Marley helped parents to become familiar with Power School.

School website - Parents do not feel that the website is helpful and they find it difficult to find information. May be helpful to reformat the set up.

“Girls on the Run” - We will put it on the Agenda for February’s meeting.

11. New Year’s Dance—January 7th @ 2:30-4:00

Would Parent Advisory be able to take pictures (as a fundraiser)? Mrs. Mitchell will contact Mrs. Thomasine Williamson regarding pictures.

12. Teacher Appreciation Week committee - 1st full week of May. They will start planning. Ms. Hollinger will check with Ellen on available funds. Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. Marley and Mrs. Egger will start planning for some fund raisers.

13. Spring Clean Up and Picnic?

14. Next meeting -- Available dates are Monday, January 25th, or these Tuesdays: Jan. 12, 19