

6:00 Parent Council

1. State of the School Address- Brian Dunn

- a. Discussion of Every Student Succeeds Act and the impact of Opt Out rates on TMS
Follow-up from Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn would like to extend a warm invite to anyone willing to participate in planning conversations around our urgent need to significantly reduce Opt -Out rates at TMS. As I stated, the new Federal legislation known as Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will penalize individual schools and districts for Opt Out rates beyond 5%. If this happens, it will have a very strong and negative impact on our accountability status as a Local Assistance Plan school-in other words, it may force us to be downgraded to a Focus school. Please remember my goal from the start of my principalship in 2010- that is, establishing Troy Middle School as a School In Good Standing in the eyes of NYS Department of Education. Reversing the tide of opt -outs will help keep our school turnaround process moving forward each year-for the betterment of all of our middle school students. The first meeting is set for Tuesday, January 17th at 7:50 in my conference room. It should last about an hour. The purpose of the meeting is share ideas about how best to engage students and families appropriately and intelligently in this sensitive area. We will then begin to draft a plan that will help us succeed in this endeavor. Please let me know if you plan on attending or feel free to send your thoughts and ideas to be considered.
- b. Issues and impact of sharing photos and other items on social media: Students need to be aware of what they are sharing and who they are sharing with- no expectation of privacy when an item is placed on line. Discussion of a parent workshop on different social media apps that our kids are using and what we can do to assist with responsible use, be aware of what your kids are sharing/doing online.
Follow-up from Mr. Dunn: TMS will be ordering 25 copies of American Girls: Social Media and the Secret Lives of Teenagers- By Nancy Jo Sales and Mr. Dunn will be bringing copies to the next meeting on Feb. 8th. Discussion of this issue will also be continued at the next meeting.
- c. Early Release- first Wednesday of the month- discussion of any impact on families and the positive effect it has had on school staff- opportunities for professional development
- d. TMS budget: Hire another full-time Special Ed teacher, increase music teacher from a .8 position to a full-time position
- e. Discussion of expanding the Alternative Learning Program to include 6th and 7th students, in hopes of decreasing classroom disruptions and helping kids in need of an alternative classroom setting
- f. Discussion of the impact the Troy city budget and the School Resource officer positions
- g. Instructional programs: TMS has a strong Honors program and 60 new cohorts will be joining the PTECH program next year.

2. Review recent business/events:

- a. Funding requests:
 1. TMS student gov't: \$250-\$300- efficacy training to become student ambassadors, during February vacation, money will cover supplies and meals during raining- unused funds will be returned- Approved
 2. 7th grade students will be going to see the movie- Hidden Figures- buses will be covered by the school, funding request is to assist with price of the tickets- as above unused funds will be returned- Approved

3. Treasurer's Report (PTO): Fund raising is continuing- please support the TMS students

Minutes- 6:30 TBC

4. Treasurer's Report (Booster):

5. New Business (Booster)

- a. Board Member elections were held, results below:
Elena Furciniti
Tom Rienzo
Antoinette Sanders
Melinda Buckley
Chris Sohn
Carrie Dwyer
Dr. Casey Parker
Brock Renfrew
- b. Fundraising Raffle: Spring 2017 Fundraising Raffle- TBC is offering all clubs, teams and groups in TMS and THS an opportunity to raise money- drawing will be held at the Varsity Dinner. The TBC will pledge the raffle's prize money (\$1,000 first prize, \$300 second prize, \$100 third prize) and tickets will be \$5 each and are now available for purchase.

6. Review Old Business (Booster)

Troy Gear: is still available- Click the link to place your order [Troy Gear](#)

7. Upcoming Events:

- a. Next Meeting- February 8th