

Kensington Town Hall Meeting

10/24/19 6:00pm Media Center

Goals:

- Transparency in communication
- Constructive dialogue between stakeholders and school leadership
- Input and voice from the community toward schoolwide decisions

Topic	Notes (for personal use)
Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent new family had great experience during the first week of school.• Book Fair was beautiful and so inviting<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Loved the teacher wishlist baskets◦ Loved that it was open during the Back to School Bash• Ms. Rushing has lit a student on fire and he used to be a very reluctant learner• Facebook Live for the assembly and the pep assembly in general
Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adding a connecting sidewalk from school to the sidewalk near Nesbit• Walkers/Bike Riders• New enrollees feeling welcome and informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kids shoes get wet in the mornings because they have to cross in the grass since there is no connecting sidewalk<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Done! Waxhaw Parks and Rec has partnered with us to make this happen!• Working on ways to make this possible, but would need a crossing guard<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Parent volunteer or does it have to be a cop?• How does PTO know and who reaches out to help with the parent onboarding process?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Social Media things to know◦ New student packet continued from the beginning of the year?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ PowerSchool■ Google Classroom■ Laptop (3-5)■ School Supplies◦ Note cards with name and e-mail, grades◦ New parents are not getting new parent form<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ When parents turn in registration packet, could you pull up Parent Information Form on the visitor check-in computer for the parent to fill out immediately?◦ Quarterly new student meet and greet with current students

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of Communication • Canvas • Dress like a character from a book for Halloween • Red Ribbon Week next week • PowerSchool for K-2 now • STEAM Lab updates • Sun Shades for playground • Community Partnerships • Teacher lunch and recess coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allison McLaughlin is assigned with this task from PTO and has a budget • Parent workshop on how to set up and utilize UCPS app • Not all teachers have link for canvas from e-mail and there is not consistency with how it is being updated. • District has committed to Canvas for next 6 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3-5 should start maximizing its abilities in the future for more learning tasks • Parade of costumes on that day? • Are we introducing students to drugs too early? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If we do a spirit week around drugs, does it bring it to light at too early of an age? ○ Some are on both sides of this issue. • Grades will still be S, S+, etc. like in years past • Approximately \$6900 from coupon book fundraiser • Living Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you donate to PTO so you can write it off on taxes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vaughn will look into the difference • Bank of America does a gift matching program • Dermatologist grant that could cover it, but you have to partner with the dermatologist for a year in advance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not opposed to it if someone does some leg work • Are there businesses willing to partner with us for materials and supplies? • PTO has a sign up for it
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