

## Peekskill CSD PTO Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: April 30, 2016

Committee/Building: Middle School

### Items Requiring a Vote:

- At the time of this report, there aren't any items requiring a vote. Grade 7 will submit their forms this upcoming week to PTO and BOCES.

### Items Requiring Discussion:

- We have submitted our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to NYC to PTO and BOCES for financial support. This trip looks to be covered fully by BOCES.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – STEAM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)
  - 7PM – 8:30PM
  - We are requesting PTO volunteers
  - Dr. June Campolongo is the point person for this event
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Student Government Sponsored Stay-Awake-A-Thon
  - Grade 7 & 8 students only from 9PM – 6AM
  - We are requesting PTO volunteers
  - Yolanda Guardino is our Student Government Advisor and supervising the event

### Items for Information Only:

- Thank you, in advance, for the lunch that will be served on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for Teacher Appreciation Day – this is a most kind and generous offering and we truly appreciate it.
- Thank you to the PTO for your participation and assistance with and support of our Twilight Event, Career Day, and National Junior Honor Society's Induction Ceremony.
- Thursday's parent-teacher conferences went very well. Our students are well on their way to finishing strongly and earning promotions to the next grade. Some students have work to do and the teachers and counselors have outlined that work and continue to guide students towards excellence.
- Our National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony was a terrific showing of the talent and intelligence our students display daily. Mrs. Alvarez (thank you) continues to work diligently with the 26 students now inducted. The students are helping the larger Peekskill community and environment.
- On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, New York State Regent Judith Johnson will be visiting our schools. More information will follow.
- End of May/Early June, the Middle School counselor, administration, and Grade 6 student government officials will visit Hillcrest Elementary School (like every year) to present our program. We will also discuss LEAP's Jumpstart Event (End of August).

- Conversations regarding a 2016-17 character education program for students and faculty, in addition to PBIS, have begun. More information to follow once finalized.
- Finals Week is June 13. Like years past, each day the students will take a different exam. A letter, along with Connect Eds, containing the schedule will be mailed to the parents in a couple of weeks.
- Our daily message of doing the work, making wise choices, and helping a friend/classmate/student has been very well received. The middle school counselors and teachers continue to focus on character education (inclusive of bullying awareness, healthy lifestyles, preparing for the world outside of the middle school years and experience, and what it requires to be a successful, positively contributing global citizen), work ethic, and determination. As a result, student interactions and academic performance have improved.
- Our Saturday Academy continues for another two weeks.
- Evacuation and emergency response drills are continuously performed well and within recommended timeframes. We've completed 11 and have one more to go!
- The following are upcoming events and dates:

May 2 – 13 – NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Teacher Appreciate Day

May 8<sup>th</sup> – National Nurse's Day

May 12<sup>th</sup> – STEAM Fair- 7PM

May 19<sup>th</sup> – PKMS Spring Concert – 7PM

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Harlem Wizards Game – PHS

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – PKMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony – 6:30PM

June 14<sup>th</sup> – PKMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony – 8:30AM

June 14<sup>th</sup> – PKMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony – 2PM

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – PKMS Grade 8 Dinner Dance – 6PM

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – PKMS Grade 8 Graduation at Paramount – 6:30PM