

Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: November 30, 2016

Committee/Building: Middle School

Items Requiring a Vote:

- At the time of this report, there aren't any items requiring a vote.

Items Requiring Discussion:

- At the time of this report, there aren't any items requiring discussion.

Items for Information Only:

- Teachers continue to enhance our instructional best practices through reflection and professional development sessions. Students continue to engage diligently and take ownership of their learning. Our character education program is having a great impact on student-to-student and student-to-adult interactions.
- Our professional development sessions highlight training on responding to intervention, data analysis and instructional best practices, content and language objectives, SIOP (sheltered instruction observation protocol), TAC-D and culturally responsive education, examining students' literacy skill strengths and areas of improvement and instructional next steps, the middle school mind and how that actualizes in the classroom and throughout the school, maintaining and creating higher-level thinking questions, discussions, tasks, and projects, and continued focus on improving students' math skillset. **GOOGLE CLASSROOM**
- Weekly grade-level and department meetings focus on student performance analysis and staff's response to it.
- Halloween Dance was very successful. Thank you, parents for volunteering.
- Various trips we've taken since September have enriched our students' experiences and expanded their minds and repertoires
- The Middle School hosted our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you, parents/families for continuing your partnership with us, supporting our expectations, and advocating for your children.
- Our **LEAP** program began and is off to a great start. Thank you, Ms. Simon for your leadership and organization and staff for enriching our students' experiences.
- Thank you, Ms. Simon for the LEAP support allowing our eighth graders to thoroughly enjoy our author visit celebration. Thannha Lai, author of Inside Out and Back Again, engaged the students, posed and answers questions, and signed books. The students really enjoyed her visit and conversation.
- December 16th – Winter Dance – 6:30PM – 8:30PM. The Student Government has decided that they will donate the maximum of \$500 in gifts to the Putnam County Food Pantry. Gifts are distributed to families in need about one week before the holiday break. If you are able to volunteer, please inform Ms. Yolanda Guardino.
- The following are upcoming events and dates:
 - **December 1st – Data Team Meeting – 7:45AM in Library**
 - **December 2nd – Band Rehearsal – Grades 7 & 8 during periods 2 and 3**

- **December 5th – Faculty Meeting**
- **December 6th – Band Rehearsal – Grade 8 during period 8**
- **December 6th – SLT Board of Education Presentation – 7PM**
- **December 7th – Chamber Theater Production (Peekskill) – Grade 8**
- **December 8th – Technology Team Meeting - 7:45AM in Library**
- **December 9th – BERT Meeting - 7:45AM in Library**
- **December 14th – Quarterly Stars & Honor Roll Celebration**
- **December 16th – Winter Dance @ 6:30PM**
- **December 22nd – PKMS Winter Concert @ 7PM**
- **December 23rd – Grade 6, 7, and 8 Talent Show (in auditorium)**
- **December 26 – January 2 – Winter Recess**
- **January 3rd – Classes Resume**
- **January 5th – Data Meeting**
- **January 8th – Technology Meeting**
- **January 9th – Faculty Meeting**
- **January 9th – SLT Meeting**