

Peekskill CSD PTO
Committee/Building Report Form

Submission Date: January 7, 2017

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 science and social studies departments are redesigning curricula to reflect the new New York State learning standards.
- All departments continue to embed literacy in their units, lessons, and activities.
- The Data Team is examining academic and behavioral infractions information to help guide instruction and student engagement.
- Professional development sessions continue to 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 staff provide and turnkey training.
- Weekly grade-level and department meetings focus on student performance analysis and staff's response to it.
- Seventh grade theater students performed skits to our sixth graders on healthy, safe, and supportive relationships. Thank you to theater teacher and director Terry Sandler (PHS) and Maura Recabo from Margaret's Place.
- Our Winter Dance was very successful. Thank you, staff and parents for volunteering and Ms. Guardino and Student Government for organizing.
- PKMS students showcased their artistry at our Second Annual Talent Show. It was a great display of skill, personality, and creativity.
- The **LEAP** program is now in its second session with a few additional courses. Thank you, Ms. Simon for your leadership and organization and staff for enriching our students' experiences.
- The following are upcoming events and dates:
 - January 9th – SLT Meeting @7:45AM Library
 - January 9th – Faculty Meeting @2:50PM
 - January 12th – Technology Meeting @7:45AM Library
 - January 13th – BERT Meeting @7:45AM Library
 - January 17th – Department Meeting@2:50PM

- January 18th – PTO Meeting at PKMS @ 6:30PM
- January 19th – New Staff Meeting @7:45AM Library
- January 20th & 21st – PKMS Drama Production @7PM
- January 27th – Department Leaders Meeting @7:45AM
- January 27th – Quarter 2 Ends
- January 31st – Fire Safety Training – Entire Staff @7:45AM in lieu of Dept Meeting
- February 2nd – Data Meeting @7:45AM Library
- February 3rd – PLA – Agenda TBA
- February 6th – SLT Meeting @7:45AM Library
- February 6th - Faculty Meeting @2:50PM
- February 9th – Technology Meeting @7:45AM Library
- February 15th – General PTO Meeting – 6:30PM
- February 16th – New Staff Meeting @7:45AM Library
- February 16th – LEAP Living Legacy Awards