

## **November 19th, 2019 PTO Meeting Notes**

Attendance was about 14 Tillman parents and Dr. Stobbe and Dr. Crnko

### **Intro Presidents- Kristi and Laura**

Tonight's Meeting was all about celebrating the magic our Specials teachers create at Tillman. Each teacher was given the opportunity to talk about their goals and dreams for the school year.

Mr. Mosely (art)

Mr. Mosely talked about his approach to teaching art, but also that he encourages kids to explore their own creative side.

Mrs. Curtis (Librarian)

Mrs. Curtis talked passionately about helping each student find the right book for their individual reading level. She works hard to keep the library current and works with every teacher and administrator to make sure reading is a positive experience in and out of the classroom.

Mrs. Strom (PE)

Mrs. Strom wants each student's PE experience to all them to learn life skills, enable a lifelong care of their body and help with social and emotional issues. They have a conflict corner which is a safe space for kids to go to calm down. She has books about being a kind friend, squishies and drawing supplies. They can re-enter class once they are ready. Some of the exciting upcoming events are;

Bike Rally

Team building day,

Rope course for 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Special Olympics

Cultural Week (India this year)

Rollerskating Unit

Elementary Track Meet

Technology unit- gymnastics and bowling

4<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to Busch Wildlife for a fishing trip.

"The" video will be shown to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders this spring.

She encouraged everyone to take the day off work and help volunteer for Field Day!

She tells the kids that they Don't need to be the BEST, just do YOUR best!

She is part of a team that is re-doing the Health Curriculum- more to come later!

Mrs. Rose (Music)

Mrs. Rose hit the ground running! She tries to make music fun by using a lot of games to learn things like learning pitch or reading rhythms.

She wants her students to increase confidence through music and working together using instruments and ensembles.

She hopes students will select an instrument when they can. She tells the students- You can do it! It is hard, but if you work hard you can do it!

5<sup>th</sup> graders will get to use Ukuleles (Thank you PTO!)

3<sup>rd</sup> graders start recorders.

Auditions for the school musical (Willy Wonka) are underway. Performance Feb. 26 and 27.

Vocal Edge is great- performances at the Cardinals game, Veterans day, Barnes and Noble and a holiday concert in December.

Dr. Crnko and Dr. Stobbe took time to talk about how these MAPEL teachers are truly what makes Tillman so special. They work so hard for our students and work together to create so many incredible events. You don't get that everywhere! A lot of their work is behind the scenes and they work closely together to know the 500 kids at Tillman.

#### Enrollment Growth Strategies

Dr. Stobbe addressed the districts plans for the growth in our community. Two scenarios have been presented.

Tillman's enrollment is projected to stay steady. However, we are at capacity. We are using hallways.

1. Add onto Keysor, Westchester and North Glendale. Tillman adds new gym and library.
2. Build new school on Lindeman which would involve major re-districting. Tillman adds new gym and library.

Please note- these scenarios are different than what was listed in the Kirkwood/Webster Times.