

December 7, 2018 PTA meeting

We met in the cafeteria at 8am. Cat welcomed the group.

Teachers present: Bey, Penate, Page, Morrone, Stanton, Cooper, Swann, Durkin, Jeffers, McDonald (nurse)

Albie from Del. Taveras's office attended.

Interpreter—Ms. Lopez

Ms. Penate announced that tonight is the first fingerprinting session at Northwestern HS! Also, all next week: Food drive at HES, distribution on Dec. 18. Drop off items in the front office + in classrooms. A+ rewards program at Giant—please specify HES when you shop at Giant. You must re-register for this program each year. A coat + uniform drive is being planned for January—coats, hats, gloves.

Ms. Morrone thanked everyone who helped with the book fair! This year ran very smoothly thanks to the volunteers.

Ms. Stanton gave a PBIS update. We are developing a "Lion's Den" (PBIS store) where kids can "shop" using Dojo points and Lion Loot. How can parents help? We need 2 parents/per grade to run the PBIS store. The store will be housed in a rolling cart. One hour, every other week. There will be a menu of items w. "prices" attached so kids know what they can purchase. Dec. 21 there will be a PBIS day—Polar Express for K-2, sock hop for 3-5. We need one parent volunteer for the PBIS event committee.

Ms. Bey gave an update.

She is enthusiastic about implementing the PBIS program—she can already notice a difference in the cafeteria in terms of behavior.

Monday—career day.

Wednesday—winter concert.

5th grade is going to Camp Schmitt next week.

Mr. Moses (janitor)—"I have 541 kids!"

The group broke into three groups: beautification, social, teacher appreciation.

Beautification—Ms. Bey would like help with sprucing up the bathrooms, painting walls, adding positive language, etc. There are 4 bathrooms: two in the gym, one on second and third floor. Also most classrooms have bathrooms. Ms. Bey said painting over the winter break is a possibility.

Social—Movie night is Jan. 25, ice-skating is Feb. 17, end-of year potluck "Taste of HES"—more details to come. Volunteers will be needed!

School nurse gave reminders—make sure kids are wearing hats/gloves, eating well. Please keep kids home when they are sick! She handed out a sheet with reminders about when to keep students home.

Lee gave an update on status of CIP progress. HES hosted a CIP (capital improvement program) meeting last week. HES was built in 1938! Time for an update.

Many schools in PGCPs need updates and there isn't enough money to make it all happen. The county is working on some new creative financing strategies—more to come!