

SMAV Meeting Minutes for Friday, March 5



General School Updates: Brendan Sullivan

1. Return to Campus
 - a. Approximately 16% of the upper school students remain distance learners with this number being slightly lower in the lower school.
 - b. The school is being extremely vigilant with mitigation measures and relies heavily on the students and parents.
 - c. The school intends to transition, as much as possible, to normal school activities.
2. 2021-2022 School Year
 - a. It is impossible to tell what the fall will bring; however, the school is prepared to again transition, as needed, between on-campus and distance learning.
 - b. Admissions for next year are up especially in kindergarten.
 - c. Matt Teller is transitioning from his role as head of admissions/finance.
 - d. Mandy Hart is returning to the classroom as a 4th grade teacher.
 - e. Additional teacher transitions will be announced next week.

SMAV Events/Updates:

1. The lower school is currently celebrating love of reading week.
2. Today, Friday, March 5th, students will bring home a Move-a-Thon packet, which is a fundraising event. This event replaces our traditional Math-a-Thon.
 - a. Students will set a movement goal (ideally 60 minutes/day) for a two-week period.
 - b. Students will then seek pledges and/or flat donations for meeting the goals.
 - c. Faculty and staff will also participate.
 - d. Prizes will be awarded in both the lower and upper schools. Separate awards will be given in each school for (1) the most active student, and (2) the student collecting the most dollars.
3. Monday, March 8th – Chipotle Fundraiser
 - a. Proceeds benefit the 8th grade graduation. 33% of each order is given to the 8th grade class.
 - b. Event is between 4pm and 8pm.
 - c. Orders may be placed online for pickup, but make sure to give the fundraiser code.
 - d. Should you have any questions or need the code, please contact Marnie Ackerman.
4. Friday and Saturday March 12th and 13th
 - a. Uniform exchange in the gym. COVID safety measures will be in place.
 - b. Friday hours are between 5pm and 7pm.
 - c. Saturday hours are between 9am and 11 am.
5. Tax Season
 - a. Please remember that Arizona offers tax credit donations for private school tuition. The donations may be directed to a specific child or school and may be made up to and including April 15th.
 - b. Marnie Ackerman is a great resource for further details.
 - c. STM partners with Arizona Episcopal Schools Foundation (AESF) as the primary source of funding for need-based scholarships. Please contact Marnie with questions or for additional information.

- d. IBE is another institution for tax credit donations. IBE offers zoom sessions with additional information. The next informational session is Monday, March 8th at 6pm and 7:30pm. Again, please contact Marnie for additional information.
- 6. Cactus Carpool Cinemas – Replaces the traditional spring gala fundraising event.
 - a. Thursday, April 29th at the Houghton location.
 - b. Fundraising event with affordable tickets.
 - c. Event will be a family movie night consisting of a video presentation of band and choir as well as the Declamation winner. The movie will be short films suitable for kinder and up.
- 7. Week of May 3rd through May 7th
 - a. Book Fair – more details to come.
 - b. Teacher Appreciation – more details to come.
 - c. Art Expo (on campus with COVID measures) on Friday, May 7th.
- 8. New Parents – The school would again like to do something to welcome new parents. More details will be shared when available.
- 9. Marnie Ackerman is considering changing uniform vendors. If you feel passionate about uniforms or would like to share an opinion, please contact Marnie.

The next SMAV meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7th. A zoom link for virtual attendance will continue to be available.