

PTO Meeting 10/12/17

NEXT PTO meeting: 11/16/17 at 9am

- Annie Gilbert Presentation on the Andover High School Renovation Project
 - How we can help: talk it up with our friends and neighbors to encourage engagement (Annie is working on FB, Twitter, etc.)
 - She's open to ways to get the entire Andover Community involved as well, email her directly with ideas - annie.gilbert@andoverma.us
- Open House debrief:
 - Marika thought overall it was well received by parents; the cafeteria seemed a bit crowded and the kids in the gym seemed to need a little more supervision
 - Parents feedback:
 - Loved doing all the grades in ONE night!
 - Did not like not having time to talk to teachers, also didn't like not hearing the work plan for their classrooms from the teacher in a presentation form
 - New parents feel lost, still, after the Open House
 - Kids enjoyed showing their parents around the classroom
 - Feedback from tables for committees – excellent idea and well received
 - DJ feedback – the gym became a dangerous place for kids to be wild; needs to be re-evaluated if it is done again
- Haunted Happenings update – Need more volunteers! Will blast again today!
 - Deadline for family sign-up to be extended
 - See Lauren for more notes on this upcoming event
- Next fundraiser: Mann Orchard Pie Sales – Laura Winik chairperson
- Ideas from other PTOs do: Sanborn PTO is all online, forms, payments; Shutterfly message board for all room parents to post pictures then yearbook coordinator pulls from that; Science Fair
- Pam will ask the Digital Learning Coach to set up a drop box for teachers and parents to post pictures on. The link will be accessible from the PTO website for ease of use!
- The PTO has a new website thanks to Kerry (and her husband)!! Looks great!!
- Breakfast & Books – new event for next week! Talk it up!!
- Contribution to School ideas from Pam: put a refillable water bottle station at each of the five foundations in the building (PTO to get quote); flexible seating