

PTO General body meeting 12-17-25

- A. Principal Russell update
 - a. Winter Concert went very well. Everyone is pleased with the event
 - b. There will not be a play this year, however we will have a black history event (Feb 26th or Feb 27th @UDC), talent show, fashion show, art shows etc
 - c. Updates with Staffing
 - i. New ECE Pre-K3 teacher: Ms. Brown
 - ii. CES changes (two ECE aids will not be returning after the winter break, but have hired for 1 position and need to hire the other)
 - iii. Mr. Chamovitz will be moving abroad to Paris, France.
 - 1. Ms. Person will be the long-term sub to 1st grade (was previously long term sub for Pre-K3). This week she is working and planning with Mr. Chamovitz and AP Coles. The school thinks there will be a smooth transition with Ms. Persons
 - 2. Interviewing for this 1st grade position
 - 3. In January there will be 1st grade town halls (the 1st will be the week of the 12th) to keep families in the loop and possibly a meet and greet
 - d. Question about spring clubs
 - i. Introducing new clubs to roll out to staff and teachers to see what they will want to offer.
 - ii. Fall clubs continue through February 2026 and then Spring clubs will start
 - iii. In January 2026, notifications for new clubs will be introduced
 - e. New heating system (as K/1st grade wing does not have heat) to be installed over winter break because a crane is needed
 - f. Question about the Ski Trip for which Ms. Caola is planning for 5th graders
- B. IB corner-Ms. Alvarez
 - a. PTO wanted to recognize her for her work with international night
- C. Facilities improvement
 - a. PTO + Robert White were able to clean up area in between the community center and the school. DGS cleaned up the burrows and brush, weeds etc.
- D. Annual Gala---Spring 2026 with Location TBD. Kick off event Friday Jan 9th
 - a. Gala Chair: Stephanie Bingham (5th year helping with the Gala)
 - b. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, which is adult only, with food and drinks
 - c. There will be a silent auction and live appeal
 - d. You can make it a success by donating time, services, items etc.
 - e. Most important, please attend

E. Upcoming events

- a. Jan 5th 2026: Back to school
- b. Jan 15th 2026: Donuts with Grown ups
- c. Jan 19th: MLK
- d. Jan 21: LSAT & PTO
- e. Jan 23rd: Art showcase
- f. Jan 26: No school
- g. Feb 6th: Monthly Social Hour
- h. Feb 13-16: NO school
- i. Feb 18: LSAT & PTO meeting
- j. More to come:
 - i. Black history showcase
 - ii. Winter Ball
 - iii. Talent Show
 - iv. Spring Gala

F. TAP winner: Mr. Chamovitz in 1st grade with 18 nominations

- a. He is leaving SES
- b. Some comments: He has made an extraordinary impact on my daughter as her science and math teacher. I appreciate the energy and care Mr. Chamovitz brings to the classroom and the way he turns learning into something my son looks forward to every single day.

G. Financials

- a. To date, we have brought in 45,143.94 and YTD expenses 58,138.43

H. 180 Fund contributions will benefit Art and music programs, IB program, Field trips, School supplies. We are at 90% of goal

I. SES Staff Holiday Party at Bus Boys and Poets on Friday 12/12/25

J. Stay Connected