

- ▼ PTO Membership meeting May 9 2017: called 6:03
 - ▼ Presentation of 2017-2018 PTO Board Slate by Colleen Johnson
 - Nominated, seconded, voted in.
 - ▼ Presentation on Pathways program by West High Principal Beth Johnson
 - ▼ MMSD has a strategic framework into which Pathways fits
 - Wasn't one of the first things tackled, but has been a component of a plan since the beginning
 - MMSD looking to have all graduates college, career and community ready
 - ▼ Q: Why isn't SCUFL participating in the Pathways planning?
 - A: various trades groups involved, though not SCUFL at this time
 - ▼ PBJ accentuates the "Smaller learning communities" aspect of the plan as one that she loves.
 - based on student's own interest
 - ▼ status quo is that WHS assigns 9th grade students into smaller groups roughly randomly
 - these kids share four core teachers and health sciences
 - ▼ Q: While slides say that the program does not track kids or remove electives, the schedule as publicized to date seems to implicitly limit access to electives, since more of the calendar is filled ahead of time.
 - A: PBJ: schedules have been adjusted recently.
 - ▼ Q: How does this program help lift all students more equally?
 - A: PBJ: Smaller learning communities = more regular checkins about each student's plans for the future, by teachers, not just guidance counselors.
 - ▼ Q: while MTI has been involved, there hasn't been any mention of arts integration into Pathways tracks, and it seems like it would add a richness and depth
 - A: program is still a moving target.
 - ▼ Q: will our kids still be college-ready?
 - A: PBJ: kids will be college ready ... and a lot more kids will be college-ready.
 - ▼ Principals' updates
 - ▼ Q: about the playground fence incident - any more details?
 - A: Sylla and John say they're content with how the situation is being handled, and they've been directed to point further questions to the superintendent's office rather than disseminate more info on their own. John: note that our calm manner about this reflects our comfort with how things have been addressed.
 - ▼ Sylla Zarov:

- Heather Dean, presenter from last month, is going to run a creative Arts Integration summer school – SZ has more info for anyone who wants it.
- Meeting with central office about summer construction – two elevators, moving office downstairs, current office space to become a Maker space

▼ John Wallace:

- Recognizes Kati Walsh and the success of Gallery Night, further integration with Franklin
- Franklin 2nd graders visited Randall today
- Lots of testing happening at Randall
- Next year will be 4 sections of 4th grade rather than 5
- Next year will be tech G3 implementation at Randall
- Looking at things through an Equity lens, trying to make a move in attitude from "welcoming" to "belonging"
- Finishing touches on this year – Kati Walsh moving to Muir for full-time position
- Updates to come
- Kati notes that incoming Randall art teacher is coming from Shorewood, is full of energy and inclusiveness.

- Sylla recognizes outgoing PTO president Colleen Johnson.

▼ Adjourned, 7:35

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