

Notes from May 7, 2019 Nathanael Greene PTO meeting 6-7pm in the library

Approximately 16 parents/guardians, several students, Principal Dr. Comella, and teacher Mr. Fernandez were in attendance. Meeting begun by pto volunteer Amy Punchak. Mr Fernandez provided Spanish interpretation and headsets.

Upcoming events. Promotional Exercises will be Tuesday, June 18 at Mt. Pleasant High School after school hours. A letter will go home to 8th grade families with details about event, including the time students should arrive. Students get 2 tickets. Students do not wear caps and gowns.

There will be a Colt State Park trip for 8th graders on June 4th. (free)

Field Day for the grade with the best attendance is coming up.

Recess is Tuesdays and Thursdays. It seems to be reducing calls about behavior issues in the afternoon. The plan is to continue it in the fall while the weather is good.

Voters approved a bond to spend money on school building improvement. Greene is getting the biggest portion, but not receiving it for several years.

Fidelity is coming for a work day tomorrow. (May 8) They will paint murals in the halls, work in Ms. Razzino's classroom, and work outside. This August volunteers will return for another day.

Dr. Comella talks about teacher training for bullying reduction. Bullying often occurs over social media.

A parent asks about next year's school day start time. Next year, school will begin earlier (7:45) and release earlier (2:30). Friday release will be earlier (1:05). This is connected to school district needs. The school department will publicize this. (Letter was mailed to homes).

Discussion & feedback about Parent Teacher Conferences. A parent asks if it could be half the school one night and half another night? A teacher mentions they send out a schedule ahead so parents can sign up. This includes times right after school. A parent says they have been impressed with time at Greene. Would like to see a 24-72 hour follow up if there is a grading issue. Dr. Comella says the event has to be a whole school event, possibly have multiple nights.

Feedback about pto schedule. A parent suggests it is the same day of the week each month. A parent mentions not a fixed day to accommodate various work schedules. A parent says notes from the meeting could be shared. Notes could be posted on website.

Parent Involvement Policy/Plan is distributed in English and Spanish for parents to read and provide feedback and give it to the front office.