

March Spotlight 2017

Greetings Beacon community,

In our March meeting, the Finance Committee reported back on their thoughts and research regarding the Employee Retention and Compensation Committee's recommendation after their routine administration pay scale review. The Finance Committee has determined we can move forward with their recommendation.

Mr. Koster brought a marketing update. We are signed up for several summer events in areas surrounding our school in Crystal. Staff, teachers, and board members will try to populate those events so we have a good presence at all of them. The marketing committee is pricing out billboards and radio spots and also looking into free exposure such as stories in the Sun Post and Star Tribune.

Mr. Koster shared that people are loving the spirit wear and after that, came a discussion about tightening the uniform dress code. Tennis shoes have become a bit of an issue in middle school and many schools offer a uniform supplier so that all shirts have logos. Discussion continued about whether these changes would incur too much cost for our families. The Governance Committee has been tasked to look into our options as well as to research how other schools handle the uniform supplier.

Please be on the lookout for a transportation survey. We need everyone to fill this out as our administrators will be making critical decisions on bus routes and bus stops based on this information. You will be able to sign up for a bus stop before the end of this school year!

Regarding our site in Crystal, things are coming along very well! Mr. Koster is over there for a weekly meeting with the construction team and he said it is "smelling like new and looking great!" We are elated to say that a kiln for the art room has been approved! Not only is our art room spacious, but our art teacher, Ms. Jensen, will be able to fire the student's clay creations on site! The kitchen is getting new appliances as well. The front office is being remodeled now. You will be so pleased when you are able to see the inside of our new school building.

On behalf of the Beacon Academy Board of Directors,
Heidi Sheard