

**Hayward Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**8:30 AM Monday, March 9, 2020**

1. Introductions and Attendance:

Hugh Duffy, Salle Beckwith, Angie Holcomb, Amy Jorczak, and Kris Thompson

2. Open Study

Open study continues every day after school except the last day of the week from 3:30 - 4:45 PM. It is staffed by a teacher and gives students an opportunity to get extra help, complete make-up work or get all their work done before heading home. Students have access to computers and other materials that they might not have at home. At 4:45 there is a bus from school out to the Boys and Girls Club. The program has been expanded to include open study at the high school and intermediate school, same time and details.

3. Scheduling

Students have been doing their schedules for next year. The schedule is done by the students online through Skyward at school. The 7th grade completed their schedules last week. The 6th grade will complete their schedules this week. 5th grade students will be completing their schedule next week. A form with elective requests was sent home for parent signature prior to students completing the schedule. 8th grade students are still completing their What's My Plan document and are just penciling in their schedules. They are waiting for the high school course catalog to come out before doing their official schedule.

4. Test Dates

State testing will begin at the end of March and be complete by the end of April. This year testing will be integrated into regular classes instead of separate days. This should decrease student test anxiety and reduce days/hours spent on testing.

5. Next Year Staff Positions

At this point there are two open positions for middle school teachers. In 6th grade Mrs. Thompson will be retiring at the end of the year. Mrs. Kirchdoerfer will be retiring at the end of the year. Both jobs are posted and some interviewing has been done.

6. Dodgeball Tournament

Dodgeball tournament will be Wednesday, March 18th. Students sign up individually or in pairs. This is a fundraiser for the University Children's Hospital. The school does these fun tournaments twice each year as a fundraiser for a charity. The fall charity is generally local and the spring one is more global.

7. Calendar of Spring Events

- March 11th: 8th Grade Ski Trip
- March 17th: Band/Choir Large Group Festival @ Rice Lake
- March 19th: Dodgeball Tourney
- March 25th: SST Meetings
- March 25th: Vaping Lyceum, 1:30 GYM
- March 31st: End Quarter 3
- April 8th: Talent Development Day, NO SCHOOL for students
- April 9th, 10, 13th: NO SCHOOL

- May 15th: Field Day
- May 19th: 7th Grade Field Trip Hunt Hill/Action City
- May 20th: 7th Grade Field Trip Hunt Hill/Action City
- May 20th: FHNB with the 21st as a rain day
- May 26th: 7th/8th Band/Choir Valley Fair Trip
- June 1: 6th Grade Field Trip Bong Museum
- June 4th: 6th Grade Field Trip Skate City
- June 4th: 8th Grade Dance
- June 5th: Last Day of School

#### 8. New Business

- Question was asked about enrichment for middle school students. It feels like Achieve class for 7th and 8th grades is mostly study hall and remediation but that there doesn't seem to be much offered for advanced students.
- Question was asked about 6th grade language arts and the amount of listening to audio books that goes on. There doesn't seem to be any options for students for whom slow audio reading of the texts is too slow.
- Teacher Treat Day set for Wednesday, March 25th. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- First day of school for 20/21 school year is tentatively planned for Tuesday, September 1st. That would be a three day week with no school on Friday, Sept. 4th. The schedule will be voted on by the school board at their March meeting.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is the May 4th week. PAC would like to provide lunch for the middle school teachers on Thursday, May 7th. We will finalize plans at the next meeting.

#### 9. Next meeting: April 20th 8:30 AM.