

PTSA 3/21/13

Next PTSA meeting: April 25th, Library

Attending: Numerous parents, teachers and administrators. Meeting was held after the family fun night.

Introduction - Kate Kressman-Kehoe

Jamie Collins – Presented an overview of the new district policies relating to the new Common Core program. Distributed handouts summarizing the changes and impacts on IB.

Master scheduling – master schedule for all schools with an 8 period day.

- Concerns:
 - ✓ takes away extra credits
 - ✓ Subjects at risk are foreign language, arts and technology
 - ✓ Does away with block scheduling
 - ✓ Risks IB certification
 - ✓ Limits international component
- Fixes
 - add a “0” or 9th period to the day
 - change the foreign language component

Principal’s Report – Deasure Matthew

Discussed information shared at the principal’s meeting regarding master scheduling and Common Core initiatives. Requested and an exemption for WFA, but was turned down.

General discussion regarding what parents can do. There is a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 131 West Broad St. Parents can sign up to speak to voice concerns about these changes.

Kate will send out a communication regarding the B of E meeting.

Parents can email Kate if they want to help or send an email.