Action Items for PTSO

- [ ] On the website, Put a sign-up for the school store and photo day.
- [ ] Send email notification when school store sign-up is available on the website.
- [ ] Check for upcoming pop-up sales for spirit wear.

First Meeting of the School Year minutes

- On Friday, October 25th, the 6th grade will have a Halloween Themed Social
- Club fair will be held 9/18

Sixth Grade Trip to Frost Valley

- The trip involves staying in cabins and participating in nature activities.
- Last year's trip was moved to October to avoid cold weather, which was successful.
- The trip is seen as a particular part of transitioning into middle school.
- The sixth-grade experience at Frost Valley is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16th, through Friday, October 18th.**

Changes in Trip Structure for Seventh and Eighth Graders

- An announcement was made about a change in the trip structure for seventh and eighth graders: they will move from one overnight trip to two local day trips.
- Reasons for the change include bus issues and high costs of overnight trips.
- The new plan aims to reduce travel time and increase student activity time.
- Fundraising efforts are being made to offset the costs of the trips.

Concerns and Suggestions from Parents

- Parents expressed concerns about the new trip structure, feeling it might feel like a punishment for eighth graders.
- Suggestions include using different bus companies and exploring day trips to NYC.
- The administration clarified that the decision was not to punish anyone but to address logistical and financial issues.
- The goal is to create memorable experiences for students without causing undue financial burden on families.

Balancing Educational and Fun Aspects of Trips

- The administration emphasized the importance of balancing the educational and fun aspects of the trips.
- The team is working to create educational and enjoyable trips for students.
- The idea of having one trip focused on education and the other on fun is being considered.
- The team is also exploring ways to involve students in planning to ensure their input.

Addressing Parental Concerns and Feedback

- The administration acknowledged parental concerns about the new trip structure and the importance of addressing them.
- The goal is to create experiences that students will remember fondly and feel they didn't miss out on anything.
- The school aims to maintain a positive and enjoyable environment for students.
- The team is open to feedback and suggestions from parents to improve the trip experience.

Exploring New Trip Options

- The potential of day trips to New York City and the surrounding areas was discussed.
- The idea of visiting the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and other attractions is considered.
- The team is open to creative suggestions and exploring various options to create memorable experiences.
- The goal is to balance educational value and fun for students.

Communication and Coordination

- The website nsmsptso.org will have information on school store orders and photo day.
- Parents are encouraged to email with any questions or concerns.
- The school is working to improve communication and keep parents informed (Parent hub).

SEPTA Meeting and Vision Training Announcement

- The first SEPTA meeting will be held on September 25th, featuring Dr. Hannah, who specializes in vision training.
- Dr. Hannah has experience with sports vision training and will speak about her services.
- The meeting will be held at 7 PM and is open to all parents.
- The goal is to provide valuable information and support for students' vision needs.

Incident Report: Swastika Note in the Gym

- Report of an incident where a sixth-grader found a swastika note in the gym.
- The note was placed during the day, and the school is investigating how it got there.
- The school is working to address the incident and ensure the safety of students.
- The goal is to maintain a positive and inclusive environment for all students.