

February 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Swanson PTA Meeting – Swanson Library

February meeting – school board member – Monique O’Grady

Madelon Brennan – introductory statement for Handmade Arlington; date and volunteers needed

- Corporate sponsors needed
- Volunteer(s) to coordinate the raffle
- Volunteer coordinator
- Marketing

Treasurer Report:

- The no-stress fundraiser was successful and the amount needed was raised
- Audit of the budget was completed and passed
- Vote on the audit was conducted and passed

Principal’s Report:

- End of the first semester
- Course request season – everyone has been working on those; important to finish so staffing levels for the 2018-19 school year can move forward
- Looking at increased reports of anxiety – homework, H.S. school classes, assessments, friendships and middle school transitions
- 1,260 students projected for the next school year (the number currently hovers around 1,220)
- The physical plant is projected to stay the same – try not to move the grades around too much
- Big 6th grade anticipated next year; 7th grade will stay in the Seven Seas
- Bringing back in the math team – allows flexibility and enrichment opportunities (4 6th grade teams; 3 7th grade teams and 4 8th grade teams)

Guest Speaker: Monique O’Grady, the newest member of the Arlington School Board

The Swanson PTA welcomed Monique O’Grady to provide a question-and-answer session for parents. She took questions on the following:

- School principals piloting intensified classes
- Acceptable use policies for school-provided devices
- HILT program integration into regular school programs
- Student anxiety
- Substitute teachers – is there a list?
- Social media issues among students
- AP classes – pressures
- Special Education and IEPs – transitions from elementary to middle to high schools

The meeting ended at 8:30; the next one will be on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 in the Swanson Library