

Site Based Management Committee
October 26, 2015

Present:

Admin: James Murray, Sharon Lasher, Eric Haruthunian
PTA: Maria Gustafson, Sharon Becker, Karen Greiss, Elissa Friedman
Student Govt: Tara Stark, President-Class of 2017; Jack Rothman, President – Class of 2019
Clerical: Patricia Owens
Teachers: Denise Siele, Scott Lieberman
Custodial: Barry Baylis

Mr. Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to look at the minutes. There were no questions or concerns and the minutes were approved.

Jack Rothman, our newly elected Freshmen Class President was present and everyone introduced himself to him. Mr. Murray explained the purpose of the Site Based Committee meeting to him and welcomed him to the group.

Tara Stark shared that the junior class will be selling ¼ zip sweatshirts and lanyards as a fundraiser in the next few months. She also said they are looking at venues for the 2017 senior prom. They are considering Floral Park Terrace and The Sands at this time. They enjoyed Homecoming and although their banner came in last, they still had a great time and will strive to come in first next year.

Mrs. Gustafson said the parents held their first PTA meeting and there were no concerns regarding the Site Based Committee.

Mr. Murray asked about the parents' frustration with Teacher-Reacher. He also reminded them to call the office if they cannot attend on their alphabetically assigned night.

Mrs. Siele stated that the teachers were preparing for parent-teacher conferences. There are no other teacher concerns at this time.

Mrs. Becker asked if teachers can have a 10-minute appointment and the response was yes. They should be able to sign up for two, consecutive 5-minute appointments on TR.

Mrs. Owens said the clericals were happy to have survived PSAT Day and that they are now busy collecting money for AP exams. She also asked about the status of the railing for the front steps that was requested through this committee last year. Mr. Murray said he will follow up with Mr. Ward to see what is happening.

Barry Baylis stated that the night time custodial team is still short one person and he didn't think there are plans to fill that position at this time.

Mr. Haruthunian said all lockers have been fixed. He also said that 60 students have submitted applications for 2nd quarter parking at this time.

Ms. Lasher said she is looking into new photography companies based upon complaints from parents that the yearbook packages are priced much higher than other companies.

Mr. Murray explained the difficulty we are having in getting SING advisors. He explained how much time and effort goes into the production and why faculty members are not interested in overseeing the show. He explained the canvass process and what is currently being done to fill those positions.

Tara Stark asked about bringing back Honors level Social Studies and Physics. She feels as though there is no middle ground for those students who love a subject but are not equipped to take the AP level. Parents agreed. Mr. Murray said he will discuss with Ms. Carnesi.

Mr. Haruthunian mentioned that Digital Citizenship Week is coming up and he would like students from each grade to sit on the committee. Mr. Murray suggested he reach out to grade advisors to solicit students.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Lasher