

Site Based Management Committee
March 21, 2016

Present:

Admin: James Murray, Sharon Lasher
PTA: Sharon Becker, Karen Greiss, Maria Gustafson
Student Govt: Evan Plotkin, Treasurer, Student Government Exec. Board; Jamie Simon, President, Class of 2016; Tara Stark, President Class of 2017; Ryan Sandler, Vice-President-Class of 2018; Jack Rothman, President Class of 2019
Clerical: Debbie Alhante
Teachers: Vanessa Jackson, Denise Siele
Custodial: Barry Baylis

Mr. Murray welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The February minutes were reviewed and subsequently approved.

Evan Plotkin reported that the executive board is working on amending their constitution. They are looking at possibly changing the election process. They would like to get more students involved and bring up the prestige of holding a board position. Once they have a proposal, they plan to bring to administration for approval.

Jamie Simon shared that the seniors have picked out their prom invitations. They selected mason jars as prom favors and are working with the venue to finalize menus.

Tara Stark reported that the juniors are working on junior gala and everything is going well. They met with the caterer to finalize food selections. They need to choose invitations next.

Mr. Murray asked for feedback from the first pre-prom meeting. Students thought the meeting was excellent.

Ryan Sandler reported that the sophomores are trying to be creative in their fund raising efforts. Their "Pi Day" pie sale was successful as many pies were donated by parents. They are still trying to put together a cam-jam tournament, which may be moved to the fall due to lack of field space.

Jack Rothman reported that there was a lack of interest for the pie throwing contest so it had to be canceled. They will try next year but allow more time to get more teacher participation.

Mr. Murray asked if there were any other questions about student issues. Maria Gustafson asked about yearbook photos and if the students decided on tuxedos. Tara said they did and have chosen to do tuxedos in the yearbook, which Island Photography will supply.

Mr. Murray asked the parents for their concerns. Ms. Gustafson said she heard a student hacked into the computer system and changed grades. Mr. Murray assured it that was untrue. He did say there were computer issues but that it had to do with shared files. Ryan asked if that was the reason for all the technology issues in the building. Mr. Murray said it was not. He then shared the frustration felt by all building employees about the technology issues. He said it is a district wide problem and it's being worked on. He shared that the 5th and 6th grade students are getting their chrome books and it is uncertain when they will be in the HS. He shared that there is a 3-year plan for the technology committee and that there is grant money that may help. Teachers will pilot the program here but we are not sure of when. Jamie Simon thinks the chrome books can be a distraction in class. Ms. Greiss asked if it could happen in two years.

The teachers reported their frustration with technology as per Denise Siele. Others reported that teachers are gearing up for the end of year exams and are busy with CSE annual reviews.

Clericals report that all is ok except for the interruption in technology.

The custodians had no issues.

Ms. Lasher reported that administration is frustrated with technology as well. She shared that she thought the first pre-prom meeting went well.

Mr. Murray shared that a 9-period day forum was held and only two students attended. He has shared his concerns with the BOE and central administration. He also shared that a board member came to the building to walk the halls and feels students can pass with three minutes in between classes. She observed that students are texting and talking in between classes, which slows them down. Ms. Lasher asked if all student signed up for a period 9 class. Mr. Murray reported that they did; many took an elective for half the year and lunch for the other half. MR, Murray then talked about upcoming AP and Regents review class. Jamie said she attend the AP Government session and it was very helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Lasher