

Parent Group Meeting Notes 2-6-13 Attendees Chris, Zandy, Cindy, Christina, Rise, Jeanneanne

Recent Events

Math night Next time, do less background, less individual history, more concrete resources

- Overall interesting
- Consider writing up the background (history of curriculum and national math changes in 1989) and providing it to parents/posting it on the website, then launch into the meat of Math Night then – Or Polly could record her message on YouTube
- Staff is considering alternating math and literacy nights and/or doing classroom-specific sessions
- Useful background from literacy night could also go into videos or onto a document
- Consider a very friendly “curriculum map” with specific examples

Jeff Davis Went very well - last Monday morning, Great historical perspectives, Younger kids had session in the morning and stayed focused, Older kids had a session in the afternoon with more of an instrumental focus - again, well enjoyed. Thank you Parent Group for funding.

Open House discussion about cancelling as snowstorm looks worse. Rescheduled to March 2

Crotched Mountain Downhill Skiing on March 1. Kids are nervous but excited; great way to conquer fears,\$29/student, \$39 adult, all inclusive, lessons for anyone who wants it. Emphasizing safety, The more parents the better

Swimming at the Y starts March 8. What about kids who can't swim? Kids will be leveled beforehand into 3 groups, Kids who can't swim, kids who can sort of swim, kids who swim fairly well. Older kids help the younger kids, locker rooms well-supervised; some parental concerns re: social dynamics in the locker room but instructors are very sensitive and don't anticipate problems. Consider having older buddies. Kids are picked up from the Y; plenty of new parking area

Special Parent Speaker (Chris Dawson) - March 6th evening Internet safety for families

- Internet safety boot camp
- Focus on smart use of the internet and good digital citizenship
- Chris to provide materials this week to Rise

Dance week starting March 12th Instructor from NMH. Performance at 4:00 on Friday

Other events and discussion points

- New projection screen for school.
- Need more sleds, Chris to pick up 6-7 long sleds if Zandy doesn't identify better choices (target has them on sale and VS will reimburse as needed)
- School community donated to help Martin and Patrizia with plane fare
- Auction Cindy and Zandy to co-chair

- Big pain points
 - Redundant contact with businesses
 - Coordinating steps and aspects so work isn't repeated
 - Transparency
- Chris to create a shared document framework that will coordinate communication between chairs and office as well as documenting items received (everything will go into shared docs and spreadsheets). Consider a barcoding system. Chris to draft by next Monday.
- Change suggested parent donation to \$50
- How build parental enthusiasm for a major fundraiser for the new school when current parents may not reap direct benefits - This should be addressed up front Rise's presents concept of paying it forward- that all parents contribute to the future, just as their present was contributed to by parents in the past.
 - Need to promote the donation board upfront that goes directly current needs for school, such as chairs, sleds, books, etc.
 - Consider putting 10% to next year's financial aid
 - Emphasize upfront that it's important to prepare for our legacy and build community - planting oak tree quote
- Contact Christina Wolfe re: adding a run/kids' fun run - Believed that this could significantly enhance both internal and external attendance
- Post donation board and unsold items in the hall the following week
- Follow up directly with folks who didn't participate last year and diplomatically ask what we can do to help make this a full community effort. Cindy to draft.
- Need to decide how better to display gift cards and help the auctioneers know what sorts of things are where
- Chris to create map from spreadsheet; there will also be a "surprise"/"Last minute" table; also assign tables to individual volunteers for which they can be experts. Chris also to create slideshow highlighting individual items and their locations; the slideshow will be projected at the breakfast and during the auction.
- Also need a spreadsheet of assignments and parent tasks - Chris to incorporate in framework

Next meeting To be determined 8:45 a.m.