



## Monthly PFC Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017

### A. Meeting Called to Order: 8:23am

1. Approval of Minutes: Ben Abadian, 2<sup>nd</sup> The Kim

2. Treasurer's Report – Jason Weilert

Reserves: \$203,582.59

Money Market: \$283,303.28

Checking: \$73,850.71

3. Hospitality – Lisa Dumke, Jennifer York

Thank you so much!

### B. Special Guest Speaker

Principal Ryan Emery, AC Stelle

-We want to make the transition to AC Stelle as easy as possible

-March 22<sup>nd</sup> is 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent night (parents only). That morning there is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade “step-up” day for the kids.

-August 17<sup>th</sup> is registration

-We have 810 students....smallest of the 3 middle schools

- We are the lowest of all 3 middle schools in terms of bullying incidents

-We have a zero tolerance for bullying (we educate offenders: “restorative justice”: how do you fix what you have done and educate them to not do it again)

-This is our 13<sup>th</sup> year

-We will be voting on a new bell schedule coming up (70% of the staff has to vote yes for it to pass). We want to allow for more time for projects, labs, etc because our current 47 minute class period is often not enough time for these activities. We are proposing:

M, Tu, W will be our traditional bell schedule

Th, F block schedule

Thursday periods: 1, 3, 5

Friday periods: 2, 4, 6

8:13a-2:35p is our school day. The new block proposal will not affect our start or end time

-Our PFC provides a lot for us: 3 hydration stations, updated our media center, etc

At AC Stelle we focus on

1) increasing scores on ELA (English Language Arts)

2)math

3)wellness...whole-child. Evaluate amount of HW, stress in class, cafeteria

We are a state-wide pilot school for wellness

-I do a 90 minute tour every month. First I do a presentation, then a tour.

**Q:** we hear there is a lot of HW

**A:** I did a HW survey...sent to all families and I got 400 responses right away  
35% of responses said their kid spends 2-3 hours on HW daily (which is concerning to us)  
65% of responses said their kid spends 2 hours or less on HW daily  
A 6<sup>th</sup> grader should not have more than 10 hours of HW per week  
We made a big shift this past year in reducing HW  
Last year I got a lot of emails about too much HW, this year I have received very few.

**Q:** I've heard there is something in the summer for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders

**A:** middle school boot-camp, that the district runs for all 3 middle schools. It's run through Knowledge Counts (they run the summer school for the district)  
It will probably be held in the middle of June. Likely at AE Wright

On August 17<sup>th</sup> for registration: students get their classes, PE uniforms, computers, text books

First week of school teachers will do a refresher for students on how to use google classroom, how to set up your notebook, etc. Each department takes a "task".

**Q:** does everyone take a 2<sup>nd</sup> language and if so, what languages are offered?

**A:** Spanish is the only language offered. Can take in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If a student takes the 2 years they go into Spanish 2 when they get to high school. Not all students take a foreign language

**Q:** are you considering zero period at AC Stelle?

**A:** we offer zero period PE in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade so students can take 2 electives during the school day

**Q:** how strong is your commitment to no cell phone use?

**A:** we don't let students use their phones. They aren't supposed to bring their phones out on campus...not even at lunch. If they need to call home, they can come to the office. Also, we do a lot of parent education about students and technology.

**Q:** why do they not have sports after school?

**A:** the Club teams have taken over. Partially lack of funding too.

**Q:** but the private schools have after school sports, can we play those schools?

**A:** a public school has different bylaws for sports than private schools; so, no.

There are intramural sports at lunch.

Robotics program – elective

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, for their elective students can take music or rotation. Rotation allows for 8 week blocks of the different electives offered. The majority do the rotation.

Science in middle school:

6<sup>th</sup> grade: Life

7<sup>th</sup> grade: Physical

8<sup>th</sup>: Upper-tier life with health and wellness

**Q:** how concerned are you about the new appointment of the secretary of education?

**A:** I am concerned about the cuts...but we should be okay

**Q:** do you have enough support from parents to support eventual cuts?

**A:** yes. Much like you at Chaparral, we have strong parent support.

## **C. Old Business**

### **1. Restaurant Nights**

Desiree: Last month we did Criccas (\$60 profit) and Sharkey's (\$200 approx...but there was a lot of rain that day so we didn't make as much as we could have).

February 15<sup>th</sup> Hook Burger Restaurant night

**Q:** We still do Golden Spoon right?

**A:** yes. I need to connect with Adam (since the break-in) to make sure he still wants to do it. Laura had the idea that we should all go to support Golden Spoon.

Box Tops contest is coming. Start clipping.

## **D. New Business**

### **1. Masquerade Ball – Caroline Ahoulim, Sara Karimi**

February 25<sup>th</sup>. Open to all. One parent per family.

**Q:** are we getting a lot of boys signed up?

**A:** no, not really. The essence of the dance is still the same (for a father and a daughter to have a special night together) but to be inclusive to all who want to participate. This is not a family dance...we don't have the space for that. One parent only. There will still be a mother/son event...but it will be inclusive to all who want to come.

There will be no ticket sales at the door.

February 16<sup>th</sup> the prices go up from \$40-\$60

5-8pm Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Mother/Son event

**Q:** how are you doing on volunteers?

**A:** we are ok. We have students volunteering from the high school. We won't send a sign-up genius, if you are interested in volunteering please contact us.

### **2. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Online Auction – Carrie Slatoff, The Kim Burns**

Still collecting items. We are 22 days away. Parties are a big seller.

**Q:** do you have a list of who has donated so far so we don't ask them again?

**A:** it's okay if you ask again, in the end, it's your personal relationship with a business that will be better than a random volunteer walking in w/ a donor form asking for a donation.

### 3. Variety Show – Billy Cooper

Jessica: registration is closed. Groups are forming. Meeting for group leaders tomorrow morning at the C-PAEC

Q: do you know when practices start?

A: usually the end of February

Laura M: if you are dropping a kid off to B&G Club after practice you need to sign them in, not just drop them off. Come to the B&G Club office. Parents need to let Laura know who can pick up their kids and take them to VS practice.

### 4. Restaurant Nights – Laura Berlant, Desiree Terian

Reported in “old business”

## **E. Principal’s Report**

Principal Brazell was unable to attend this meeting due to scheduling conflict.

Donna reported: lots of rain the past few weeks. Things are busy. We have a big meeting at the district office on Friday to discuss enrollment numbers

Sign in and sign out: it is really important that you sign in and sign out. We use that list in case there is an emergency. If we have an emergency, we use that list to know who is and who is not on campus. If you are on the list and there is an emergency, we go looking for you.

The new volunteer badges with your pictures: they need to stay in the office. This is a safety issue. We are trying to make this as easy as possible. There are 2 different sign-in sheets...one for the picture badges and one for the visitor stickers.

Thank you all for all your time and support. It is really appreciated. You guys are awesome.

## **F. Raffle Drawing**

#15: Laura Berlant

## **G. Meeting Adjourned: 9:15am**

**Minutes Prepared by Carrie Slatoff, Recording Secretary**