

Attendees:

Sarah Spach
Nancy Haynes
Mrs. Lew
Chris Gray
Alicia Barnaby
Mr. Michelle
Michelle
Ms. Diponio

Meeting Notes:

Principal Update (from Principal Diponio):

PSAT is coming on 4/12. Students just took practice tests today. More in-class practice coming as well. MSSStep coming after spring break (Mid to End of April). WIDA Testing – (English language learners test) forthcoming as well.

New Facebook page now ready. Mr. Huppert has sole admin account (for now).
The official Facebook page name:
C.A. Frost Environmental Science Middle/High School

Maximizing the school messenger to reach parents. Staff updating an internal Gmail calendar to keep up to date with events. Would be helpful to have this calendar in place on our newly official Facebook page (a job for Admin Huppert).

Mr. Huppert has requested a form for membership for PTA. This would be helpful to pass around at conferences, events, etc.... A very good, easy way to boost membership. This form is with Mrs. Shilton and was available at orientation.

The Hub – tomorrow may be a lower turnout because of Little Frost Dance. 2nd annual (family invited)

Camping Update:

Still estimating \$21K to handle our camping needs for students. PTA cannot handle this full burden, but PTA should be ready to absorb some cost. We should have a plan for maintaining our equipment. Walk-a-thon could annually go towards these funds. But also discussed the concept of Funding-depreciation (or a depreciation schedule so that we are not buying all equipment at once).

Idea for Formal scholarship program for camping – If you apply you get one (or some amount towards your cost). But once setup we could get local businesses to buy-in (Matching dollars from businesses for those matched by PTA or scholarship). Do we need a 3 paragraph proposal or something more formal? Do we need to know financial details? We want to get to the point where camping is never paid for (pie-in-the-sky vision). Val collecting costs of trips this year to form something for future years.

Mrs. Lew reports that our 7th and 8th grade costs are quite reduced this year due to transportation grants (Wheels to the Forest). Urban kids into the woods is a popular trend at the moment and would be good to continue on this theme while hot.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to report

Student Council:

Microwave – Student Council bought industrial Microwave (with PTA buying a matching unit). Up and running and kids happy and fed.

Carnations – Paper Green Carnations for St. Patty's being targeted for next year.

Spirit Week under way – Monday – Thursday at the end of March 27 – 30th. Days picked out: Pajamas, Celebrity, Salad Dressing day (dress as your favorite salad dressing, or willing to wear salad dressing in hair, or something equally inane), Decades (each grade gets day to represent. 10th grade gets the 2010's to help boost either their non-participation or participation (however you want to look at it). Spirit Week will again be tracking again for participation. Winning grade gets a pig-out at Sandy's Donuts during 5th and 6th hour. May also have Pay-to-Play event: Skip sixth hour to play in gym.

Monday student council will start Morning announcements. Students lined up and very excited to make it their own.

Earth Week Update:

Earth Week – T-Shirt invoice coming next week (PTA to front cost, but will be reimbursed before any profits are taken). Order forms are coming. Mr. Syrek has his Business-Tech students helping with the marketing. Wimcat – A local screen printing shop is an option for future shirt orders. They offer an apprenticeship for kids (which keep our costs low, and also involve some of our students). Shirts will count as uniform shirts.

Water Night 4/20, walk-a-thon money to Mrs. Lew is incorrect on our electronic sign. We need some staff to be responsible to gather forms and money. Mrs. Shilton volunteered in her absence to collect the forms/money and bring to office safe ("heap it on"). Money will be counted the Friday prior to the event.

Advertising for Water Night, need a way to market to locals. Neighborhood Facebook page suggested to help distribute to neighbors (perhaps Mr. Ramey could assist as he is responsible for this communication). We also need to get communication to come from our students. Can we get city officials invited as well (1st ward specifically).

Communication should begin yesterday, as the event is approaching.

Walk-a-thon forms in mailbox (went out to 6th hour classes today), Facebook updated as well. \$1,000,000 goal for walk-a-thon (May come up short). Prizes well underway with the big ticket items from Sky-zone and Rebounders collected. Alicia creating permission slips to ride skateboards/bicycles to the park for those participating (include Helmets). Mr. Ramey still on the hook to grill and provide a picnic atmosphere for the day. Non-participants to have a regular day of school (Don't otherwise get play time). Any food donations would also help. Will need crossing guards at Walker/Richmond and Bristol/Richmond. Nancy to follow up with Mr. Huppert, but could use school security guards, neighborhood police, or parent volunteers.

Miscellaneous:

Ping-Pong tables potentially coming. Very excited secretary of PTA for Ping-Pong tables (taking all challengers).

Need to get more kids involved in PTSA. Rotating student council representative. Move meeting to directly after school (to get both teacher / student / lurking parents in cars involved).

School Store Update – Mike and Laura need a hand with school store. Stacy is updating Signup genius. School Store very successful. 10th graders did lend a hand with Coffee Cart and proved trustworthy. Perhaps enlist for School Store help amongst student body.

Michelle leading/running/owning committee for a talent show. June 2nd. Friday after labor day. Students, Teachers, and Misc. Parents invited to perform. Marketing to commence after Spring Break. Will have an audition so we can know talent, if appropriate, time, extra equipment needed, etc.... Building use form submitted and chairs incoming as well. \$2 for attendance. Coffee Cart to supply refreshments. Mr. Patty to possibly create us a stage.

DiaTribe – Spoken word artists for 10th grade. Five weeks for social justice (Slam Poetry) presentations in class. They will share content and discuss as a group. Is a free pilot program, but students encouraged to develop their own. If kids want to they can perform their version in the talent show.

Student Teacher basketball at the end of year