

## PTA pre-planning meeting 5/10

### Attendees:

Chris & Stacy Gray  
Nancy Haynes  
Alicia Barnaby  
Val Tonks  
Sarah Spach  
Michelle Jespersen  
Mary Lewandoski  
Lexi Rusch  
Val Tonks  
Nikki Shilton  
Chris Burgess  
Bobbi Zoerhof  
Kristen Bakker

- Began the meeting focused on documenting items that will need to go into next years budget:
  - Grounds budget (two separate groundswell grants of \$1K, something Mary Lewandoski is following up on)
  - Question of whether student council has its own budget? Val mentioned that each school has a \$3K allotment for student activities (something that other GRPS student councils use)
  - Combined student council for this coming year, but eventually two separate (one for Middle and one for High School).
  - Question was raised who from district to question overall budget. Val has been running the show from the Frost side, and working with Marly Muscher (sp? Mesher). But we can funnel most questions through Val.
  - Student government official course has been retired. And no longer available
  - Mrs. Lewis wants to monitor/mentor student council (and something mentioned during last weeks meeting).
  - Student council should be elected this year.
  - Mr. Smith to follow up with student council (Student Council has not been informed as of yet).
  - Kids need a week in advance, to prep and decide
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup> to update students, and vote / follow up the week of the 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Names of interest to Val and Mr. Smith (lunch time, before and after school). On their own time. One point person to gather names.
  - Four Representatives per grade suggested. Only grade segregated is 6<sup>th</sup> next year, 7/8<sup>th</sup> will be middle school, 9/10<sup>th</sup> high school

- A form signed off by student if interested in running. And showing responsibilities and commitments. Val writing up contract based upon what was used in other schools in the past. Stressing not missing school time (will be an after school activity). Not enough funding for an official 7<sup>th</sup> hour to the day, but will most likely meet from 3 – 4.
- Two teacher liaisons for Student council so we are ready for the eventual split (for middle and high). Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Rusch interested in being those liaisons.
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- Clubs and activities after school. No longer time during lunches.
- Year long calendar posted in hallways for better coordination between Covell and Frost. Also suggested a Google Docs calendar that we can consistently keep up to date.
- Fall festival – selling pumpkins. Bringing back Covell Fall Festival. Buggy rides, Carmel apples, a middle/high school fundraising event.
  - Ask for lead on Fall Festival – Mrs. Rusch to lead effort and student council assistance. Rusch to start recruiting kids for effort.
- Class advisors – prom for juniors. Assigning teachers per grade to head events. Stipends for these positions (but a conversation for outside of the PTA). Permanent advisor for seniors (only because of the amount of items involved).
- Our timings with dances, or after school activities with Union or other area schools. Timing of our homecoming events with Union (since majority of our athletes will play there). Can do our own independent dance and other activities.
- Talent show more than just Fall Festival. Charge \$1 to student during the day. Use Creston if possible. Do one during the day for the students, and another a night for the parents / evenings.
- Event coordinator – A new position / need. Volunteers asked for but none taken.
- Orientation, and volunteer outreach – Need to begin that process now.
  - Table A, Table B, and move them through the entire building
  - Picture for ID, locker, schedule, and master list
  - Cookout hotdogs, and food during orientation
  - Windows provided for orientation dates.
  - Shilton and Bakker and Val as part of orientation process. Also including Alicia / Sarah in conversation process.
- Service Learning – Stewardship – need more of a drive. Mrs. Bakker very interested (along with Mrs. Lew). Should not earn credits during the school day. Would be another good table or station during the orientation process.
- Camping also included within orientation. But camping sequential (so some trips pre-requisites for future trips, may mix grades on trips). Eventually go to Kentucky during a future trip. Can camping be tied to grades, discussed lack of involvement in this current year. If E-Lab is a forced class, can we link grades to camping trip. If you cannot go there is some research assignment (as penalty?). Cannot go to Sleeping Bear, then do a report on this area. Can the PTA push district to make it required?

- Next meeting dates will continue Tuesday mornings until the year is out: May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>. And moving into the summer we will move onto backyards and porches for future planning sessions.