

## PTA Meeting 8/10/16

### Attendees:

Chris & Stacy Gray  
Nancy Haynes  
Alicia Barnaby  
Bobbi Zoerhof  
Chris Burgess  
Nikki Shilton  
Mary Lewandoski  
Greg Ramey  
Val Tonks  
Sarah Spach  
Lexi Rusch  
Kate Clairi

- New name for High School: CA Frost Environmental Science Middle/High School. We do want to change sometime moving forward.
- PTA Status – State PTA providing official state number in the coming days. Unit number also provided and information for treasurer’s handbook, secretaries. etc... (PTA for dummies....)
- Welcome and Principal’s report.... Traded vacation stories.
- Weekly Tuesday meeting highlights with builders. We will be able to meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Covell building. Furniture is in the rooms. Paving to be done next week, likely by the 18th. Mega-lights installed and impressive. Expecting permanent electricity from Consumers soon. School will be open on time. May have some items underway. E-labs room done early, but cabinetry not delivered to finish them since they are ahead of schedule. Gym will not be ready by the first day as planned. Outside may be a little rough, but interior is good. The building is available to teachers 24/7 from the 18<sup>th</sup> going forward.
- Have 13 neighbors adjacent to building. Met with families, and made sure landscaping was agreed upon.
- Alicia met with neighbors to hand out seeds and stewardship coupons. Neighbors have construction fatigue, concerns over traffic, noise, and students cutting through yards. Urban etiquette needs to be hammered home. Planning on having adult(s) and security help keep an eye on this before and after school as well as going over expectations with students. Alicia also suggested sticks to mark off areas for the students to use as guides initially for boundaries.
- Urban etiquette form has yet to be put together, but will be included as part of our orientation packet for parents and students to sign off on.
- Pay for parking spot/permit. 68-71 spots available depending on how lot gets painted. Side for visitors and students only. Possibly assigning/painting spots and need to establish student requirements to earn spot, but this initial year

- shouldn't be an issue. Moving bus stop from Sandy's to Fire department. As an environmental school we should promote public transportation. Have roughly 30 spots available after staff is accounted for. Looking at a right turn only during busy school times. Potentially limiting student drivers to juniors and seniors.
- John Hemholt has also promised stewardship services from our high school kids to the neighbors and local businesses. There are processes in place to contact the immediate neighbors regarding big events via a facebook page and addresses as necessary. An overflow relationship has also been established with the nearby church should the need arise.
  - Own 20 feet into neighbor's backyard. Planned bushes 4 feet in to handle snow removal during the winter months.
  - WiFi may not be available until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Over 3 day period there is a boot-up period when the permanent power is put into place.
  - Mural will not be up until right before orientation once most boxes are moved in to avoid damaging it during the move in.
  - Suggestions asked for initial PowerPoint when entering school.
  - No timeframe on outdoor classroom.
  - Soft service process for food service for staff to see and learn the process before it is in full swing with students. Food Nutrition Meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at CA Frost elementary building.
  - First Friday of school on September 9<sup>th</sup>, will be a ribbon cutting at 10 AM (Ramey to confirm). Will be open to media and 13 neighbors and local businesses.
  - Would like to have a pancake breakfast as well September 9<sup>th</sup> for the neighbors and local businesses at 9am followed by students taking our guests on tours of the school before the ribbon cutting. Need a leader for cooking breakfast.
  - Shilton reaching out to UHS ROTC Major to raise our flag for the first time on September 9<sup>th</sup> as well. Planning on having the students plant flags between 8:15-8:30am followed by the ROTC raising the flag.
  - Will not rain on ribbon cutting, confirmed...
  - Modified Friday schedule for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. High school schedules harder to plan around (less flexible). A "speed day" where students still hit all classes, but for shorter duration.
  - Miranda (from WOODTV8) wants to cover the school's first day open.
  - Our school is the first product of the 175M bond that passed, so very important that this first product meets expectations. Should be a positive outlook from all staff / PTA. There will be bumps, but frame as positive as we can.
  - Introduced: Kate Clairi – Middle school ELA teacher. Welcome!
  - Zoo exposé for GRPS August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 7:30pm. Asked for bodies to help promote Frost during this time.
  - Start time / End time for the next year: 8am – 2:43pm
  - Lunch is 30 minutes per grade. 6<sup>th</sup> grade first, middle school (7/8) second, high school (9/10) last.
  - School store will be right across from cafeteria this year.

- Treasurer's report – met with John. Got a lot of tips. Getting account opened and balance transferred. \$26K - \$27K for an initial balance (Heck Yeah!). Raffle license has paperwork pulled. Raffle license may run through elementary until we get established as an official organization to save on workload. Teachers are the most important resource in the building. As there is a conflict of interest, was asked for teacher stipend to be determined by parents (PTA parents to determine during our upcoming budget meeting). We need to make sure fundraisers are truly fund raisers. Not building a rainy day fund, build money to spend money.
- Separate meeting for budgetary meeting in the coming weeks
- May not need additional software if our budget is relatively straight forward. Will determine at budget meeting.
- Orientation update – yearbook, Jostens (for sophomore students only), Rapid, food nutrition, orientation packets ready to go, PTA membership (to be added). Packets must be filled out and completed there (no paperwork going home).
- Need to hit Wolbrinks for “Frost-wear” No hoodies allowed PERIOD. Want something exclusive for this year if possible. The Wolbrinks want ideas (have Facebook post asking for the same, currently).
- Passport and finalize stations that will be available (part of the meeting tomorrow).
- Volunteer focus to broaden to environmental, economical, social (three distinct categories)
- Athletic directors will also be at orientation
- Table for Blandford nature center. Mrs. Lew to contact Blandford for information
- Mrs. Lew to involve local organizations for volunteer activities: Swan, Eastown, neighborhood associations. More involved in community than handing out papers.
- 18 clubs. 13 spaces have teacher mentors. Poster size sign up sheets. Yearbook will have an application (will be working to sell ads, taking pictures). Mr. Burgess has an application online for Yearbook.
- Need to stress to kids to not over-stretch for clubs. What day / time available will be listed on the posters (must include note that kids responsible for rides home).
- Club budget for GRPS. But is part of High School budget. Val to confirm, there is some funds from prior year. Val responsible for, but willing to have aid from PTA.
- Some clubs may have costs to join (depending on needs of club). Also puts skin in the game.
- List of costs show up front at orientation, not surprised throughout the year.
- Already have signs for orientation from Haley (good job student council!)
- Spoke to activity fees. And how it goes against the goals of fund raising. Cutting off our own legs, especially for larger fancy dances. Perhaps activity fees only for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- After much deliberation, No activity fee this year (something to keep in mind for following years)
- All camping goes to Val. Need a clear list of Val's money vs. PTA money.

- Need to review names of clubs to be sure we can get access to funds (if available from high school funds)
- Mayors river clean up on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Indian Mill creek (will be at our volunteer table)
- No PTA plans that opening day.
- Band / ROTC (can we ship them to Union?) Needs to be determined. Other possibility is a 0 or 8<sup>th</sup> hour for the day.
- Fall festival update – Burgess on food (has a guy) and raffle. Three good donations into raffle already. Need to list top 3 prizes of raffle. Can get blurb or save the date into orientation. 1) Charter fishing trip for 4, 2) Eco lawn-mower, 3) \*some un-identified spa day\*
- Raffle price: \$10 a piece or 3 for \$20
- Initial budget request for Fall Festival, not sure. Donate 2-liters of pop. Coins into glasses from Goodwill. All cheap great game ideas. Dunk tank, Mr. Burgess volunteered (need to reserve the GRPS dunk tank). Duct tape to a wall. A separate Festival planning meeting will be held with student council.
- Phone: 819-5900 Fax: 819-5920 for new building.
- Spirit Week: Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. First dance October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Middle-School early, High later that night for fall dance. Same day for now, but will be separate days as we grow
- Should volunteer hours be granted to help setup dances? To be voted upon (two difference of opinions). A good compromise: should we put a limit on the hours provided (2 hours max).
- Are there volunteer hour requirements for graduation? Something from district (need clarification).
- Need student council to hit the ground running. And they to understand the work involved. Will vote class representatives the initial week of school. Council to delegate to other students; does not mean they are the only worker bees. Need to hammer home college application requirements.
- Mr. Burgess to reach out to Metta. Has volunteered, and just need to rope her in and get plan in motion.
- Have fall dance fund-raiser, fall festival, winter baby-sitting fund-raiser, Harmony House (for Spring timeframe). For baby-sitting, Thinking of providing some money to students watching the kids (or perhaps some money off of their camp / graduation costs).
- Gown rental or re-use program for seniors. Gowns a little more robust now-a-days. Something to look into the future budget.
- Class accounts building up starting next week. Each class responsible for building this account to make their savings bigger for future years.
- Next meeting date. Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 8 – 9 AM
- Meeting after that on September 15<sup>th</sup> time: TBD
- First full regular PTA meeting in October.