

## SCO Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendance: Dean of Students: Deb Winkler and LaRon Ragsdale & Parents: Sara Elswick, Cyndi Benisch, Shannon Moloney, Stacie Ashby, and Beth Kline

\*Additional parents that couldn't attend, but are interested in being a member of the committee: Stacy Darga, Christina Outlay, Diana McFarland, Tracie Augustine, Tanesha Lewis, and Tracy Frank. (If we missed your name, we apologize.)

**\*\*ALL Parents & Community Members are welcome at any meeting, any time!\*\***

**1 - The purpose of the meeting is to cultivate our “why.” Why do you believe this SCO should exist this year? What would you like this SCO to accomplish this year?**

-Tough age group (this year's 8th grade class) and the feeling of some that people don't care about them. **We want to show we care about all students at CHUMS.**

-Increased anxiety for students and parents due to a challenging transition from the middle schools to the upper middle school. Not only adjusting to a new building, but also understanding the gradebook and how grades can fluctuate daily and the inconsistency of grading and time it takes to enter grades. Also, email responses from teachers is slow or lacking. **We want to increase communication to parents to ease the transition process from 7th to 8th and 9th to 10th. For example: Monthly principal share outs at meetings on events that are happening at the school, have teachers connect the school calendar to google classrooms, send out blackboard connect school related updates, have guest speakers at meetings to share information on school related topics such as food service menu, gradebook, superintendent, HS Principal, Sexting or other parenting of teenager topics.**

-Teachers have to teach an extra class this year, restructure their lessons to fit the block schedule, deal with challenging student behaviors. **We want to show teachers we care and support their efforts to reduce their stress and show appreciation. For example: Provide food for teachers, giveaways during teacher appreciation week.**

-Concerns over student and staff safety in the building and the treatment of students in various populations (special education, gay/lesbian, etc). **We want to create a stronger sense of community both in school and out of school. For example: Food drive, dances, special events for students, cookies for kids, volunteer or mentor activities for students like at the rec department, come up with topics for Resource like TED Talks and define bullying.**

-How do we get the funds and/or resources to support our initiatives. We will have fundraisers by selling treats or popcorn during events, collect Box Tops, sign up with Amazon Smiles, donations from local businesses, Restaurant dinner nights, create Sign Up Genius to get parent volunteers for events, increase parent advocacy at the District Level to help express the need for additional supports at CHUMS.

## **2 - What dates and times should we meet?**

We will meet once a month on the 1st Tuesday of each Month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 4th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

## **3 - Who should hold the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer or should we combine secretary and treasurer?**

-We will vote for these at our next meeting on December 4th. We are looking for parents that would be willing to volunteer for these positions.

## **4 - What other questions have you come to the meeting with?**

- Can we create a link for SCO on the school website?
- Can we send out something to parents about Mr. McGee's status?

*Hello readers,*

*Thank you for attending our first SCO meeting of 2018-19. This is Mr. McGee, and I am looking forward to returning to work upon release by the doctor. My next doctor's appointment is Wednesday, November 28th. I will communicate an update on Thursday, November 29th to all parents and guardians through blackboard connect. Thanks for thinking of me!*

## **5 - What comments do you have?**

Possible Meeting Agenda Outline:

- Introductions
- Updates from School (Principal)
- \*\*First meeting only: Election of Officers
- Treasurer's Report
- Updates on Activities & Upcoming Events
- Fundraising Updates
- Guest Speaker on "Topic for the Night"