

## **CRLS Council 10-27-15 Meeting Notes**

### **Attendees:**

Damon Smith, Principal  
Greta Hardina, Family Liaison  
Ross Benson, faculty  
Gail Stubbs, Parent Co-Chair  
Trina Abbott, parent  
Teresa Walker, parent  
Laverne Wilkinson, parent  
Larry Childs, parent  
John Delancey, parent  
Marie Antoine, parent  
Edwidge L. Hercule, parent  
Kim Green Goldstein, parent  
Trudy Wilcox, parent  
Beth McCann, parent  
Marie Narcisse, parent  
Rabeya Akther, parent  
Elka Uchman, Workforce  
Elaine Schear, FOCRLS  
Mike Frutkopf, community  
David Weinstein, School Committee candidate

### FOCRLS Executive Director Elaine Schear

Nine years' strong; has a significant impact in all facets of CRLS life

Elaine and her spouse decided to start the organization nine years ago

- FOCRLS offers about 20 scholarships that are about \$1000 each  
Take into consideration financial need and academics
- FOCRLS offers travel fellowships that make travel more affordable for students  
Students need to apply for the travel fellowships; cannot fund entire cost of trip
- FOCRLS offers faculty grants of about \$1000 each  
Dr. Saheed said that FOCRLS should focus on supporting faculty-inspired programs
- FOCRLS offers Faculty Distinction Awards which is the least costly option  
Seniors nominate CRLS faculty which have made an impact on them
- "It Takes A Village" offers support to help students not take remedial courses in college through tutoring and mentoring
- Unsung Heroes Awards are recommended by teachers and nominated by the Deans for students who go the extra mile without any credit and or recognition

FOCRLS has raised almost \$600,000 through various means

Started 100 by 100 (100 businesses contribute \$100) to raise \$10,000 that has been met

Whole Foods 5% Day for CRLS (about \$15,000 on a "slow" day)

House parties (at parents' homes) have raised between \$3000 to \$5000

May Fair Raffle that engages businesses and raises about \$7000

Try to get businesses to see that investing in CRLS students is investing in city's future

FOCA President Larry Childs

Predates Damon's tenure which is 2004  
Half of CRLS students participate in athletics whether it is sports or clubs  
Parent volunteer organization like a Booster Club to raise money  
Some fundraisers build community and connectedness  
Raises about \$160,000 per year  
Crew raises a huge amount of money  
Money goes back to the teams  
Parent liaison system with most CRLS teams which relieves Coaches of some responsibility  
Funds are used in different ways by different sports  
Development fund for scholarships  
Coordinate fundraising with FOCRLS so that businesses are not approached simultaneously  
Want to move toward service projects in the city for team fundraising  
Monthly second Tuesday meetings  
FOCA has a mobile and online School Store for Falcon clothing  
MIAA is 65% or below and CRLS is 70% or below GPA with a probationary period  
Conversation about Athletic Eligibility at a future Council meeting

#### Arts Committee Co-Chair Beth McCann

Group of parents with children in the arts who try to support the teachers  
Ticket booth, ushering, chaperoning for field trips  
No formal budget, meet monthly, huge email list  
Fall musical is *Footloose* that will be in November  
Money from Bake Sales goes back to the teachers  
Copy-written shows are not videotaped but there is an archive of almost everything else

#### MCAS Scores

There is still a gap between the 90% Asian & White versus high 70% in Hispanic & Black  
Last year had the highest number of students who scored in Advanced  
Economically Disadvantaged will be more inclusive than Free/Reduced  
SWD = Students with disabilities  
ELL/FELL = English Language Learners and Former English Language Learners

Grade 10 ELA scores improved from 2011 to 2015 except for the Asian subgroup  
Grade 10 Math scores all improved

Happy with upward trend of MCAS scores  
ELA is just below State; Math is above State; Science is above State  
Science MCAS is given at 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Physics (most other schools have Biology first)  
Science has the most room for growth  
Science team has compared MCAS data depending on which semester Physics was taken