

CRLS School Council Meeting Notes 10/29/13

In attendance:

Parents: John Delancey, Gail Stubbs, Rhea Dunn, Lewis Bryant, Emily Dexter, Beena Sawar, Lace Campbell, Mark Gardner, Adam Manacher, Bob Birnbaum, Hae Kyung Chung, Trish Marti, Victoria Harris

Staff: Ross Damon Smith, Ross Benson, Greta Hardina, Janet O'reilly

Community Partners: Mike Frutkoff

Review of Fall Semester Family Teacher Conferences:

- Data was shared from the on-line registration results. There was a significant increase in participation for the online registration.
- The science department shared a report on the actual numbers for the departments.
- Group discussed ways to make the walk-in time run smoother. Many parents showed up without their child's progress report or schedule. No student guides showed up and very few staff members were on hand to greet people. Damon talked about stipending students to work during events.
- Janet O'reilly talked about the alternative ways she connects with parents at school events.
- We could also try to push for more students to join their parents during the conferences.

School Climate: A discussion on the role of The School Council and facilitating parent involvement/ community building and fundraising.

- Adam talked about starting a PTO and a list serve. Adam thought the role of the school council was to advise not to function as a PTO. Lace thought we could recruit parents during events. Greta mentioned having the school council run the 9th grade freshman parent potluck next year.
- Damon talked about the many different parent groups and the need for them to create similar goals which lead to the discussion on, *The Other Wes Moore*, which the school council will read and discuss. The book is about 2 Afro-American men from the same neighborhood with the same name and the two different paths their lives took.
- Lewis Bryant asked about the CRLS mission statement and how this would help groups to work together. Damon talked about the need to work on the mission statement and how reading the book, *The Other Wes Moore*, will help the group come up with a cohesive understanding for our mission. Books were distributed. We are asked to read at least through part one before the next meeting.