

Minutes of the CRLS School Council

January 31, 2012

In attendance: Principal Damon Smith:co-chair, Jessica Daniels: co-chair, Greta Hardina, MJ Jensen, Lace Campbell, Adam Manacher, Mike Frutkoff, Mary White, Ross Benson, Donna Erikson, Patricia Bradshaw, Pamela Massey, Emily Dexter, Amy Stein, Guest: Jamie Sabino

Introductions

Special Presentation from Friends of CRLS – Jamie Sabino, Treasurer

Jamie gave an overview FOCRLS, founded by Elaine Schear 5 years. Raised over \$200,000 in 5 years. They award grants to the faculty – in and outside of the classroom.

Backing for unsung heroes award. Plaques for faculty distinguished. Student travel fellowships. First scholars award. Support class day for the seniors. The group is beginning strategic planning to determine future goals and direction. There are appeal letters, fund raising events, and house parties. House parties recruit new members. 50 active volunteers, 10 to 20 folks attend monthly meetings. At last meeting looked at venues to gather and attract more members – maybe piggyback onto events that are already scheduled. Look at bite size opportunities to get involved – non-committee.

FoCRLS might work with “Celebrate CRLS” Group wants to engage more alum.

Greta spoke of other ways to partner among groups affiliated with CRLS. Adam could talk to other parents he knows through his son’s crew team.

Donna talked about her raffle ticket sales and asked for volunteers. Discussion continued to brain storm how groups can collaborate to recruit volunteers and donations. How can volunteers help Greta with school events, etc.

Principal Smith spoke about 3 things. First – Feb 2 Open House. This is for parents to meet their children's second semester teachers. Some changes have been made. To start, parents will pick up their students schedules and then proceed to the first period class at 6:15. Transition periods will be 5 minutes. At the end of visiting the four courses it is 7:30 and parents have half an hour to check-in with teachers or with other school staff and faculty: student deans, academic deans, guidance counselors, etc.

Second, CRLS is about to offer an online parent sign-up for teacher conferences tomorrow. Third, course registration for Sep 2012 will be online. Accounts will be available for parents and students.

CSAG report. – December mtg - how to engage parents who don’t come to events. How to create a school directory. January meeting focused on out of school time, summer loss

when they are not involved in out of school activities. They discussed the structure of math and science and the academic challenge.

Jessica asked for more volunteers to help write additions to the Parent Handbook - before the March council meeting on 3/27.

Jessica spoke about the council's role in selecting parent representatives for the Principal hiring committee. Those interested in applying for the committee, as well as Principal Smith, excused themselves and left early. Seven people volunteered to meet and review forms of parents interested in participating on the hiring committee on Feb 13..