

CRLS School Council Minutes June 14, 2011

In attendance: Amy Stein, Jessica Daniels, Greta Hardina

Race to Nowhere: The audience turnout was terrific. Feedback from parents, teachers and students indicated folks were excited to see the film, found it thought provoking and expressed appreciation that it was shown at CRLS. Many indicated they would welcome similar presentations in the future. Some feedback from the audience was that it was one sided and it would have been helpful to have a discussion that included some counter points. (This info is limited and anecdotal, so we welcome additional comments on the film.) We are still waiting for a check from the distributor. We expect between \$500 - \$600. These funds will be donated to Friends of CRLS.

Parent Handbook: We did a final review of the handbook. Our goal was to make it useful and brief at the same time. Edits included paring down some descriptions of programs and services, and even removing calendars that duplicated printed materials already in use, including information found in the School Handbook that is mailed to families in August. Jessica agreed to make the revisions and send to Greta. (Done!) Thanks to everyone for your time and ideas. We have our first CRLS Parent Handbook! With an opportunity to improve with each year.

School Council 2011-2012: At the May meeting we began a discussion of ideas and projects for next year's committee. One suggestion included a parent sponsored post prom party, as seen in other school districts. Another included the sponsorship of another event(s) similar to the Race to Nowhere. As this coming year is a transition year for high school leadership, we want to think about the council's role in supporting the administration, including our Parent Liaison!

The first meeting on September 27, will provide the opportunity to set our direction for the rest of the year.

Over the past couple of years, the School Council had determined that, in addition to its role as adviser to the administration's annual school improvement plan (as required by state mandate), we wanted to increase parent communication and parent involvement. Thanks to Greta who has done a wonderful job in supporting these efforts. The bi-monthly parent emails have increased general awareness of school events and student opportunities and has brought parents and families into the school.

Council Elections: Our two official positions for High School Council are co-chair and secretary. The co-chair works with the principal to prepare the agenda. This includes soliciting ideas from council members about topics for the agenda and making the agenda public at least 48 hours before the meeting. The secretary takes the minutes and sends to Greta asap so she can post them on the school website. Regular attendance at meetings is important for both positions. All parents may nominate themselves or another parent for

either position. The committee will vote on these positions in September. Thanks to Lauree for co-chairing and Pamela for taking minutes at last year's meetings.

2011-12 High School Council Members

Learning Community C Lewis Bryant
Learning Community R Jessica Daniels
Learning Community L Nattasa Mason
Learning Community S Amy Stein
At-Large Lauree Maunsour
At- Large Marijane Jensen
Arts Com Rep Lace Campbell
C-PAK Rep Mary White
Acting Principal: Damon Smith

Assistant Principal: Bobby Tynes

Joe Childs
Ross Benson
Two student reps from student council