

1/22/18

## Meeting Notes

### Attending

Sally Biggs - Principal, Elissa Brauman, Jen Mancone, Mari Anne Lalama, Dan D'Addio, Katie Kiniery, SonJa Young, Andrea Tavares, Jessica White, Stacey Simms, Michele Laboy, Davianna Castro (New Student)

### Review of Minutes from 11/13/17 - Approved

### Agenda

1. **What's new....introduction of new members:** Dan D'Addio – parent and Davianna Castro (student).
2. **HMTCA Family/Friends Activity Night:** Stacey discussed the event being held on March 8, 2018.

Senior Fundraiser - A Mohegan Sun bus trip is being scheduled by Stacey and Ms. Brauman. This is scheduled to happen after Spring break. As of now, Dave & Busters is in the forefront for the Safe Night after party.

Junior Fundraiser - has a working group of parents. A fundraiser bus trip to the casino is being looked at for St. Patrick's Day.

3. **Testing updates:** Math and English finals finished today for the high school.

Middle School has had interim assessments and testing occurred during the past week. March will hold another set of interim testing.

High School - April is SAT time for juniors. **Standard Testing (I did not catch which testing this is)** will occur in May. Juniors will not need to take the Standard Testing due to the SAT's. Half of the seniors have completed the Capstone Experience (senior exhibition/senior demonstration of a project). This is mandated for all seniors and they get a credit for it. It is a semester course.

4. **Climate Survey** – This will be sent home and will be handed out at parent/teacher conferences (middle school) and the Open House for High School. The surveys are

paper based only that is district wide. The teams/teachers will decide when to complete the survey with the students. For students who return the parent's survey – dress down and service learning hours may be awarded.

5. **Status of Restorative Training for staff:** A consultant (Joe Brummer) was brought in to train on the Restorative Justice. The training was focused on trauma. The December training was about “why is Restorative Justice needed”. Joe is willing to come back for additional trainings. Davianna stated she believes the “Circle” was a positive impact and provides an opportunity for students to connect with one another.

6. **High School Updates – Brauman/Kiniry:**

- The new semester begins tomorrow.
- The writing center has a calendar up. It will be open Tuesday and Thursday for Middle School during TrinPrep. It will be staffed by High School students.
- Homecoming was held and was a great success.
- The Junior/Senior prom will be in May at St. Clements Castle.
- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester High School Open House on 2/1/18 from 7:30-8:15. High School parents will be able to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester teachers.
- There will be “speed dating” conferences in the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.

7. **Middle School Updates-** Mancone: DC Paperwork coming out. Nature's Classroom and Cape Cod information will also be handed out.

8. **Compass Update – White:**

- Trinity is going to come and offer robotics to the middle school students.
- Trinity is offering a stipend for teachers to be trained over the summer so they can they offer the class.
- An application for an extended school day for high school students is being completed. A Black History event is scheduled for 1/27/18.

9. **Trinity College Courses:** 18 students were enrolled in the fall (no juniors). 16 students completed the classes. About a dozen students are signed up for the spring.

10. **HMTCA Calendar update – ½ day exam days:** Teachers can use the half day to correct exams and enter grades. This will continue for future exam schedules.

11. **Donors Choice - teacher projects funded:** Teachers can submit paperwork asking for funding. A teacher from Burns was provided supplies for the classroom, including desks and printers. Other projects/request were awarded including funding for a trip.

12. **Current Applications:** discussed

- a. Arts/Science Expo Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b. Recruitment efforts and incoming Information sessions

13. **Staffing Update:** Mr. Fellows is retiring. There will be some layoffs for non-tenured teachers (who often get rehired).

14. **Review of Dress Code Policies:** Dress down days are a challenge. Adidas pants will be considered. Ripped jeans are not allowed. High School students should not be wearing sweatshirts.

**Next Meeting: 2/26/18**