

## Minutes of the Parent Committee Meeting January 12, 2010

Attendees: Phara Blair, Cyndi Perone, Cindra Leonard, Judi Smith, Lori Jersey, Stephanie Eisert, Kirk Smith, Lisa Rose, Marcy Nielsen, Jodi Gill

\*\*First, let me apologize for the confusion of the meeting time. After conversing with parents who were unable to attend the evening meeting with Jay Anderson, I made the decision to change it to an afternoon meeting to accommodate schedules that don't allow the evening meetings, and have Jay there to answer questions. I know this was a last minute decision, and I'm sorry if it inconvenienced anyone. I believe the pre-school – 8th grade transition was a very important topic for discussion, and the meeting was well attended.\*\*

We will go back to the posted schedule next month, and February's meeting will be at 2:00.

### **Q & A with Jay**

Q: Where are the 7th & 8th Graders going to be housed at the school?

A: We are working that out. There is still much planning to do. One thing I want everyone to know is that this decision was not driven by finances or facility. It was a philosophical decision, and all involved in this decision believe that this model allows the fewest transitions, therefore aiding in positive development of our children. We want to make the statement that the middle grades are important to us. There are still key decisions to be made, and we want your feedback.

Lockers were one of the most important questions by most of the 6th & 7th grade students, and where they would have their breaks. There will be lockers – the custodial staff will be moving them from the Boones Ferry Campus to the Sagert Campus this summer.

We see this as an opportunity for the upper grades to serve and give back to the school. We will be working hard on the identity of the middle schoolers, and see a strong tie in to the Ismart program with the 7th & 8th grade students.

We want to be set apart in our community – seamless learning.

Q: How does Horizon set curriculum – whose task is this?

A: The Administrative Team does presently. We are working with Bill Smethurst, Vice Principal at Horizon Christian High School, and curriculum expert, in developing our accreditation process, and helping with curriculum alignment.

Q: What about 6th grade promotion?

A: We don't have an answer at this point, we will discuss.

Comment: The 7th & 8th grade students could be great role models for the younger student body. We should get them involved, set the standard, and get them involved in leadership.

Q: Will the 7th & 8th Grade students have common breaks?

A: Yes, the two grades will have the same break time and common area – still to be determined. This is still a process we are shaping. Some areas will be very well defined, and some areas will have some blur, or overlap.

This will also create opportunities to go into upper grade classes, for example, a 6th grade math student may be able to be part of a 7th grade math class. Even between campuses. Electives can be blurred.

Q: With the transition of the 7th & 8th grades back to Sagert campus, when is the school maxed out and looking for other options again?

A: With this transition we will be at approximately 280 students on the Sagert campus, we are maxed out at approximately 400+ students. We will be keeping a pulse on this number as the school grows.

## **Auction Update**

The planning for the auction is going strong. Presently we are working on writing job descriptions, and creating job boards. We will be handing out binders with these to all of the Co-chairs, so they can begin their meetings. The goal will be to have a binder to build on, and hand down to next years co-chair, and build on each year.

- Corporate Sponsorship – this will look a lot like last year. We've already sold one Platinum sponsorship!
- Working on defining the look of the auction, so we are consistent in all of our communications.
- We should be on the school web site in the next week or two.
- We have agreed to a reciprocal trade with Sunset School Auction. This means that we will trade a team of people with them. We will work their auction which is 5/14/10 (one week before ours), and they in turn will work our auction. Both auctions are at the Oregon Golf Club. If you are interested in being one of a team of 10-12 people, please contact Lori Jersey or Tara Miller.

## **Other Updates:**

- Krista Larsen is working on getting linked with the permit technician at the City of Tualatin.
- Parent Night Out at Club Sport coming up in March!
- Would you like to be part of the Rummage Sale Committee? Call Peggy Williams 503-799-2620.
- We now have on-line donation capability on our website.
- Dave's Barbeque Fundraiser has been rescheduled, date TBD.