

PCO General Meeting
October 5, 2011 7:00pm BFCCPS Library

Introductions/Welcome – Kerry Sweeney-Harris

Review agenda

Introductions of all attendees.

Attendees:

Kerry Sweeney-Harris

Anne Gilberti

Heather Zolnowski

Sue Anne Bell

Amy Nicholson

Lisa Frankina

Joanne Schaefer

Missy Bogner

Sarah Clark

Deb Schwab

Valerie Eattimo

Christi Apicella

Joanne Basile

Julie Lomberto

Rebecca Hagerty

Diana Stavely

Deb Leonard

Megan Moussa

Leitha Hemingway

Kathleen Hogan

Anna Dos Santos

Jennifer Moccia

John Neas

President's Report

- Goal for TY, improve communications; get more families involved in PCO.
- Facebook page, make pink sheet improvements to help communicate.
- Heather Z. says pink sheet is being re-formatted; using new program.
- Improve PCO meetings – Invites community to suggest guest speakers.
- PCO will make efforts to post agenda two weeks prior to meeting.
- Fall Fundraiser update. Deadline Tuesday October 11th. Discussed fundraising review that was done LY. Decided on Fall Fundraiser and Spring Raffle rather than moving to another product/company or adding new.
- Direct donations increased LY and are welcome. 100% goes to PCO.
- Alert Now for Fall Fundraiser, need to publish the Direct Donation form in Alert Now. Direct Donation form is on the website but link needs to be sent to community.

- "Race to Nowhere" screening at Horace Mann October 18th, 7:00pm.
Sponsored by JPCC
- Review of upcoming PCO events: bowling, game night.
- Still need chair person/people for Family Social in the spring.

Treasurer's Report – Diana Stavely

- Budget is available on PCO page of website
- Diana reviews income and expenses.
- Discuss Shop For Charter, Heather Z. asks if the school can use the shop for charter portal. Lisa F. says anyone can use the portal. School will start to take advantage of this "free money".
- Need to publicize Target rewards
- Stop & Shop rewards, Heather Z. is getting info to register our school.
- Jennifer Moccia asks about better communicating the "free money" opportunities to the community.

Administration – Heather Zolnowski

- MCAS results: we ranked in highest 10% in the state with the exception of 5th grade math. School met 2014 goals in ELA, on target in Math. 100% of 8th grade were Proficient or Advanced in ELA. Admin is extremely proud. Couldn't be done without parents, all teachers from K-8. Admin will be happy to answer questions about individual MCAS results.
- Common Core Frameworks curriculum, 3 year roll out as part of Race to the Top funding. Math 2 year rollout, all students MUST take algebra in 8th grade. New math curriculum started this year in 5th grade. This will prepare them so that they will be able to take algebra in 8th grade as required. Admin will be happy to discuss.
- Diana Stavely compliments the new Holt Math program.
- Annual Report, must be filed with the state every year. State requiring new format of the 5 year accountability plan this affects the current Annual Report. State wants data based information to measure student successes.
- Math fact baseline assessments already given. Reading Street assessment coming this month. Writing assessment 4-8 grade – Full day will be given for this assessment - morning will be rough draft, afternoon final draft.
- Writing assessments will be scored by different teachers – not graded by the student's classroom teacher.
- Teachers were trained on grading based on the MCAS rubric. Scores will be stored internally at the end of the year the overall results will be reported to the state. These tests will not be part of students' grades. Students will be given the whole day for writing portion simply so they do not rush and they do not feel stressed.

BFCCPS Community Service Plans – Deb Schwab

- Parent Enrichment Council – committee created binder with age appropriate community service projects. Focus "Not for self, but for others."

- Binder was given to every homeroom teacher. Filled with projects that are grade leveled. Committee contacted different groups to find out specific needs.
- Fall and Spring semester school-wide community service. October 13th is first community service day. It is NOT a half-day but at noon on that date, all students will do a community service project that is different from their regular class community service projects.
- Also planning an upcoming family community service project.
- Differentiate community service with “service learning”. Kids teaching kids about service.
- Teachers have to fill out Community Service planning sheet every trimester so there is no overlap. Teachers can contact anyone on the Parent Enrichment Council as a resource when planning their projects.
- Project examples: 7th grade will be going to new Framingham food pantry to paint murals etc. Those students will take entire day for this trip. 6th grade going to Dacey field to help create a disc golf course, 1st grade creating coloring kits for patients at Milford Hospital.
- Teachers will be surveyed after their projects to find out what worked, what could be done differently etc.
- School-wide community service projects Santa Foundation, Heifer Project and BFCCPS Beautification.

Open Discussion/Feedback

Restaurant Nights – Lisa Frankina

These are returning. We will do several different ones throughout the year then determine which ones worked best.

- 99, Panera, Five Guys, Papa Ginos are planned.
- Joanne Basile suggests Rick’s.

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