

PAC Meeting Minutes
9/10/14

Ms. Carpenter thanks all that came to the meeting. It is a great turnout!

Reviewed goals/mission of PAC. There were no revisions. It was agreed that it was a great mission statement.

Parent Survey: Last year's survey results were reviewed. There were less than 100 responses. Usually have about 250 responses. It was concluded that survey was sent late in the year. One concern brought up on surveys was teacher turnover: it is less than 10% at CHA.

It was suggested to:

- send home earlier (early May, late April)
- colored paper
- incentives for the kids
- online survey
- box in lobby
- clarify question on which areas your child needed help (#4)

Workshop/parenting class ideas are always welcomed. Talk to Mrs. Carpenter.

School/Parent Compact: Title I requires school/parent compact. Broke into groups to review/discuss examples of school compacts from other schools including current CHA compact. Suggestions are:

- do not use brochure, it diminishes the importance of school/parent compact
- use carbon copies so parents can keep a copy and also adds to importance
- sign it on Meet the Teacher night?
- majority like the active wording on "Compact Linked to Learning"
- all groups preferred the Hall Center for Education form...one page and divided up into boxes.

Mrs. Sendejo discussed that agency name is now Lena Pope instead of Lena Pope Home. Lena Pope has not worked in the residential/fostering program for 6 years now and has not been an orphanage for many years. Dropping the word Home reflects that change. New sign in front of school and on the digital sign reflect that change.

Parking lot safety was brought up by parent. There has been some confusion about whether there are one or two lanes open in am and pm. Mrs. Carpenter clarified that there is one lane in am and two lanes in pm. Will request signs for carpool lane indicating this.

Patriot Day was announced for September 11. All parents/families are invited.

First PTA meeting and Bullying Program announced. All invited.

Spirit Day announced for Monday. There will be no more spirit day Fridays. It will be chosen throughout the school year and parent will be advised of when. Discussed appropriate dress for spirit days.

Meet the Teacher Night concern: staff were not identified, for new parents they did not know who to ask for help. Suggested that all staff have badges.

After School Clubs/Enrichment: Many parents did not see table at meet the teacher; suggestions are: there needs to be signs on the walls, maybe move it into the gym? Parent liaison for each club to help explain what the club is, what it requires, when it meets, and to sign up interested parents. Mrs. Carpenter will ensure club info is posted on website asap.

Reading Curriculum: Reading logs, books being sent home. Is there a way that our school could do that? PTA rep discussed Six Flags and Pizza Hut programs. Literacy specialist Laura Hall is the person to talk to about any concerns.