

Parent Advisory Council
5/14/14
Minutes

Attendees: Hortensia Harris, Jennifer Duran, Victoria Sendejo, Jennifer Carpenter, Kristy Caperton, Paula Pratt, Patricia Levant and Tracy Leonard

Discussed options for PAC meeting times/days next year. Consensus is to keep meeting on 2nd Wednesday of month during months of September, November, January, March and May. Will push back a week or move up a week if too close to a school holiday/break.

Discussed PTA/CHA post on Facebook re: parking lot concerns. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Carpenter will post on Facebook, along with info about two inclement weather make up days (school is in session until 6/10).

Discussed attendance/logistics of parenting classes. Mrs. Carpenter asked for feedback re: continuing APN (closed six-week session) or doing stand-alone sessions. Decision made to poll parents through Facebook, Annual Parent Survey and word of mouth. Suggestions from members included: internet safety/ social media (PTA is working on scheduling this), creative discipline, homework strategies. Discussed times/days that are best for parents to attend. One suggestion was made to provide the classes right after school and offer homework help for students while parents are in class. Discussed difficulties in choosing day/time that works for everyone.

Discussed suggestions for next year's PAC agenda items and ways to increase participation. Group agreed that most are aware of the meetings but may not be comfortable attending or understand what PAC does. Discussed ways to do a better job of explaining what PAC is and encouraging parents to attend (ways to do this include eye-catching booth at meet the teacher night and pastries w/principal on first day of school; let parents know of what PAC has accomplished this year through Facebook and booth. Also suggested to use sandwich board outside school to remind parents of meeting, along with continued call-outs through messenger system.

Discussed purpose of annual home visits in August. Request was made to schedule the visits ahead of time. Mrs. Carpenter explained that logistically this is not possible. Question about purpose of home visits was brought up. Purpose is to "meet and greet" and welcome student and family, let them know who the student's teacher is, and provide the full-year student-illustrated family calendar. Home visits are very brief and it is understood that not all families will be at home. A note is left on the door with information on who the teacher is, if family is not home. Suggestion was made to include this explanation of home visit on website or another way to let families know about it.

Next PAC Meeting: 9/10/14