

PIC Minutes, August 30, 2012

Sign in sheet was collected by Mr. Horowitz

Budget Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 315pm

Parent Ballots for the charter council will be counted on September 12 in room 9 at 315.

Charter Council meets September 13, Thursday.

Mr. Horowitz briefed everyone on the goals of our committee. To summarize: The purpose of the PIC is to bring parent participation at the middle school level up. We are joined with the PTSA and hope that we can raise student achievement through helping parents to feel welcome and to give them the chance to interact with the school and their children's teachers. The way this will happen is up to the committee.

Mr. Horosny – wants more parent involvement that would more closely mirror the experience parents have in elementary school.

Proposed ideas and goals included: banners on fences, fundraising, creating a gathering place for parents at drop off and pick up, possibly covered lunch area?

Mrs. Dern – offered that parents who want to hang around could offer to be useful or get on their way.

She further mentioned that parents would love to see more internet postings from teachers.

A web update has been purchased and should be available "soon".

A micro-tech person will be hired.

If a concern or issue is raised the order is; PTSA to PIC to Charter Council for considewration and consensus.

Agenda Bin:

Parent information nights/ Workshops

Discuss increasing time for meeting for more discussion of issues.

Adjourned at 2:25pm

J.V. Fassett

Minutes for PIC meeting, September 27, 2012

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No minutes of the previous meeting were available for review. These will be emailed at a later time.

Student Success workshop tonight – No video taping/ youtube.

Hero week and red ribbon week were discussed at Charter council and it was decided that they would maintain separate weeks. The concepts and charge of each is still up in the air. It was further discussed that participation would not be 'required' from all teachers.

Ms Mattinson put out a plea that someone take ownership of each. Ideas about the health teachers or PE were discussed. No takers thus far; all will encourage others and do more research hopefully. No dates for either are set.

Mr. Horowitz – Focus of this committee is to involve more parents and get them to come to school, help and be part of their children's education

Mrs. Dern – PIC used to be a conduit between parents and the school. She reported concern about alienating our steadfast parents with a change of direction

Mr. Horosny – Discussed how to involve more parents; possibly a movie night??

Mr. Horowitz responded to Mrs. Chown's concerns about lack of advertising for the workshop tonight. He offered to do a connect-ed message to 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents at 4:00pm encouraging attendance

An idea was raised that possibly, parents could volunteer to create email lists for teachers to increase communication. I suggested that a staff survey be sent to see if this would be useful. Mrs. Leary offered to do it through email.

It was commented that some teachers use Facebook.

Mr. Blair asked what we want from this committee. Is it to get parents at meetings? I suggested providing food so parents would be relieved of the responsibility of feeding the family to increase attendance.

Mr. Horosny – queried about increased committee time. Many responded that we could use more time. It was then the charge of the calendar committee to work on this and to schedule red ribbon week and Hero week.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20. J.V. Fassett