

Nobel Charter Middle School

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2014

**Attendees:** L. Yankie, J. Fassett, K. Lewis, D. Winner, S. Herring, S. Lamberte, A. Torre-Butler, M. Marfori, G. Munson, B. Newborn, L. Bio, P. Blair, N. Simons. M. Oak, M. Reu, J. White, A. Marr, S. Foster, D. Horowitz

**Minutes:** Nancy Simons made a motion to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Lorraine Bio. Display case thought for the day from Mrs. Kalman was shared by Mrs. Fernandez. Thoughts for the day can be sent to [l@kalman.org](mailto:l@kalman.org). Mrs. Yankie mentioned that other committees have been providing positive messages as well. Mrs. Herring mentioned that her students thought well of such things and she challenged them to say one kind thing to others.

Mr. Espinosa reported that he would make a video to post on the website to showcase his program. Possibly other elective teachers could do the same. Mrs. Kalman has offered to do the filming and post it on the website.

Mrs. Chown will make a presentation in late August or early September an evening workshop on common core. She intends to take parents through the process with students using artifacts and student work. This will be 6:00-7:30 instead of 6-8.

The discussion then turned to a focus of a pre-scheduled parent evening where each department would take responsibility for a presentation. This could be done quarterly with some departments doubling up like, English and electives, Math and P.E., History and special education, science and performing arts.

Ms Reu suggested an evening highlighting upcoming school wide projects similar to what is done at Cleveland High School.

A survey was suggested and Mr. Blair commented that possibly a whole faculty presentation might be more effective. In addition modeling the activity to show

that it would not be too difficult to teachers might encourage others to try presenting.

Mr. Blair showed a scrapbook page made by Mrs. Kalman about the visit from the Olympian. Also he shared the idea of a reward of fitness bands for fitness gram testing. The cost was shared as well and he was advised to make a request to Ms Drew or the budget committee to obtain them. This is only for 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mrs. Thomas suggested that teachers may not feel that comfortable presenting at a parent meeting on the topic of common core standards.

Mrs. Simons sent a survey about what parents might want and got a low response. Thursday, February 20 an internet safety workshop is slated to take place at 6:30 in the library.

The discussion turned to the possibility of lunchtime tutoring. This then began a discussion of something similar during pledge that would involve able students, handpicked by math teachers. This would begin in Fall 2014. Mr. Weldon could survey the math department teachers to see who is interested.

Mrs. Simons mentioned money for beautification. Possibly a Saturday. April 5 would work.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2014, Nobel Library

Respectfully submitted by Julianne Fassett