

PAC-MINUTES-01/12/2016
Carver's, 8:30-10:00

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Head of School update:

Enrollment is open for 2016-17 for 9th, 10th and 11th grades. Shadow days are taking place. The idea of parent ambassadors is being implemented with 1 or 2 current parents being on campus on shadow days to answer questions. A cheatsheet would be helpful with answers to certain questions, while honesty is imperative for the prospective parents.

Some topics that we might not be able to answer are about "honors" classes and how the extensions to classes are recorded on transcripts.

E-mails can be shared for prospective parents to contact us with future questions.

We discussed the informal news that DHS is doing away with their Small Learning Communities and how that could potentially affect interest in Animas High.

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All were disappointed at the cancellation of the "Beyond the Nest" day at school and the "Power Career Fair" at Fort Lewis, and Ashley is waiting to hear from San Juan BOCES if the career fair will be rescheduled, at which point she can decide whether to reschedule the "Beyond the nest" day.

General conversation:

The idea of starting a regular Social Group was discussed. Perhaps such a group could meet monthly, on campus, after school on Fridays with a theme and provide a place for kids to get together in an unstructured, social manner.

Linda and Jane are starting this up now.

Parents would like a lecture from someone on "vaping". It seems to be very popular with the students and we are feeling a little in the dark about its health implications.

We would like to see a more structured offering of health and wellness to the students. Finding a time in the school day is difficult, and perhaps during x-block would be the most useful time.

libby has arranged for a judge to come speak to juniors and seniors about the implications of a conviction for a drug related crime.

Peak meetings are now called Nest meetings and are only taking place one a month.

Next meeting will be February 9th, Carver's, 8:30-10:00