

Minutes from PAC meeting- October 13, 2015
Carver's, 8:30-10:00

Attended by: Sean Woytek, Linda Liberman, Jane Katz, Mike Gillette, Ashley Hein, Moira Compton, Leigh Bright, Catherine Roddinghouse, MArgery Poitras

Ashley outlined the first Osprey Way speaker's topic, Janae Hunderman, LINK internship coordinator, who explained Osprey week. Someone needs to contact CeeCee to see if she wants food at these events.

Fundraiser has been moved to Nov. 18th. Leigh is spearheading the fundraiser and all invites/RSVP's will be done electronically. Next meeting for fundraising will be Nov. 10th.

"Most Likely to Succeed"- movie being shown at Fort Lewis College Concert Hall on Nov. 4th at 7:00. Tickets are by donation and MMS, 9-R and Animas are putting on the event jointly. There will be a Q and A after the show with Reps from each school.

School will provide teacher with dinner after SLC. We hope to have more exhibitions held out in the community this year. Invite Ann Butler to these events with hopes of publicity in the Durango Herald.

Principal's report:

Everyone may need reminding that the lower parking lot is still on campus and there is no smoking there.

Launched Evaluation of Support- so Sean is observing in classroom. Libby is observing administrators.

Leanne comes in twice a week. Laurel is taking over as registrar and some front office duties. A formal job description should be out in search of new office personnel.

Report from the board, Jane:

Board is looking for new member who is elected by parents. The role will be described in the next Nest.

From Linda:

Is school profile complete? Colorado ACT scores are only from Juniors. ACT is an average of all scores, from every time the test was taken. Powerschool is not accurately showing GPA's. NCAA does not accept those athletes who want to use their sports for college acceptance.

Try to increase budget for Jess, college counselor in order to make connections with admissions/colleges where "who you know" is important. Advisors may need to help write letters

as they know kids better than Jess, as she is new. Only 1 college counselor makes for a lot of kids for a single person to handle for college applications. Seniors will meet once a week for first semester to work on applications.

Moira suggested Jess meet with Juniors in the first few weeks of school to get to know them a bit so she can be more helpful with personal letters and such.

Authentic student assessments? Keystone has a lot of glitches, students weren't getting proper credit. These are not accredited programs. What can be done so less students have to do summer school? About 10% of students had to do it last summer. Intervention needs to start in August, at the beginning of school, rather than late fall.

Perhaps incoming 9th graders have a boot camp. Can we try to track the middle schools' strengths and weaknesses are, in order to anticipate problems that arise as these students enter high school.

There is a system in place to red flag students that are at risk- this increases their chance of success.

MTSS- multi-tiered student support.

Animas will be switching from Powerschool to Infinite Campus in January.

update from Mike Gillette, who sits on Substance Awareness Committee:

Committee met last week. 2 kids sit on committee - 1 senior, 1 freshman. very illuminating.

The kids suggested bringing in speakers about addiction.

We realize kids will experiment. Kids feel like drugs are easier to obtain than information.

The group will promote designated driver support.

Perhaps offer training on how to deal with a friend who has OD'ed.

Do a mock trial for someone busted with an ongoing scenario.

Committee will work on expanding kids on committee.

We discussed the need for clear consequences for kids doing drugs/drinking - in school suspension/automatic suspension. Breaking these rules also breaks trust so this is somewhere violating students will also lose privileges- revoking situations where trust is needed- Osprey week, off campus lunch, etc.

AHS has reputation of being lax on drugs. Jane suggested the need for a public statement? We need to finalize the situation (cross country team incident) with a letter to editor or something.

Thursday, Oct. 15th, a tri board meeting will be held with superint. about mill levy, bond issue, and what is needed.

Dress code needs updating/clarifications- make it gender neutral. Moira suggested helping students financially to purchase appropriate clothing to abide by dress code. This could be gift cards and advisor could take them out for shopping date.

low income lunches are discreet, providing a meal to those in need-

Ashley will keep in touch with all when she has fundraising needs.

