

CP Academy Parent Council Meeting December 2007 Minutes

Tory Jenner chaired the third meeting of the year.

Crystal Jensen gave a presentation on Edline:

- Currently Edline's main features are that it makes grades (progress reports and report cards) and attendance (period-by-period) available to parents. (In the future, Edline might also let parents see daily, weekly, and monthly grades.) It also lets teachers send mass emails to parents and students and makes it possible for teachers to enter items on a calendar. A teacher's calendar can include homework assignments and dated items such as quizzes, test, and field trips. All of a student's teachers' calendar entries show up on a single calendar for the student. Rich Hemphill noted that currently teachers prefer to post their homework as they have been doing on the CP Academy website.
- For help with Edline, parents can send an email to BHSEdline@Berkeley.k12.ca.us.
- If parents did not receive an Edline activation code in the mail, they should send an email to BHSEdline@Berkeley.k12.ca.us and ask that their code be resent.

Chris Byrne gave feedback on the most recent BHSDG meeting:

- Ms. Freidus asked for and received funds for making masks in her English classes.
- Any donations (including donations for our Winter Get-Together) should be made out to BHSDG and earmarked for CPA.

Other fundraising:

- We discussed other fundraising ideas, including Coupon Days at Baha Fresh which the Leadership Council students could promote, a crab feed, a pancake breakfast, customized pillows and tee shirts, memory books, and an on-campus photo booth. We decided to continue our discussion at the next meeting in January.
- We decided to send out a fundraising letter right away so that people can get a tax write-off and we can collect donations at the Winter Get-Together on December 7th.

DeBorah Young and Leslie Pollard updated us on their community-building plans:

- The Winter Get-Together will be at Washington School on December 7th. Decoration and set-up will begin at 5:30 and the get-together will start at 6:30. There will be prizes and a raffle. We'll email a flyer out soon and a printed flyer will be mailed out at the end of November.
- Other community-building plans include a Black History event, a senior trip, and a big raffle, possibly with tickets sold through Irma's office and people paying for tickets upfront and selling them if they want to or keeping them for themselves. We decided to continue this discussion also.

DeBorah Young reported on the first Leadership Council meeting:

- The first Leadership Council meeting had a good turnout and participation, especially from parents and students. The first meeting focused mostly on getting to know each other.
- Annie Johnston talked with the group about the need to write grants to fund the WriterCoach Connection, AP English, and other programs since Academy funding has not been increased for 13 years and BASIS is about to run out.

Wyn Skeels reported on the current status of the Advisory Program and Block Scheduling:

- Currently these two new proposed programs are on hold because of questions raised by the Berkeley School Board and Teachers Union regarding classroom availability and teacher compensation.
- Annie Johnston wrote about the issues in detail on our new blog site. People can see what she wrote by clicking the Leadership button on the CP Academy web site.

WriterCoach Connection:

- We continued the discussion from the last meeting about the fact that we have more coaches than we need and that we need money to continue the program next year. Annie Johnston is working on grants to pay for next year. Wyn Skeels will talk to Susannah Bell about the possibility of expanding the WriterCoach connection to include Juniors this year and make use of the extra coaches. Whether we will try to expand the program to other small schools is still an open question.

Rich Hemphill will turn over responsibility for the web site to Bo Orloff.

We decided not to meet in December because the third Thursday of the month is the day before Winter Break. The next meeting will be January 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. The process observer noted that participation was good but people also noted that attendance was down.