

CP Academy Parents Meeting

Parents Meeting, September 20, 2007

Minutes

Rich Hemphill chaired the first meeting of the year.

Volunteers for this year:

- Leadership Council consists of four parents, four students, and four teachers/administrators. It meets on the first Thursday of the month from 5 to 7. Members provide input on how to implement our programs, including allocating resources. We needed four parents and five volunteered: Janice Berson, Tory Jenner, Katy Culley, Rinda Bartley (first half of the year) and Veronica Wallace (second half of the year).
- Chris Byrne will continue to represent the CP Academy on the Berkeley High School Development Group, the group that collects and allocates funds for BHS.
- Tory Jenner volunteered to take over Rich Hemphill's job as Parent Facilitator.
- Bo Orloff, who is a web designer, volunteered to begin working on the website.
- Several people were interested in working on fundraising but no one wanted to chair the committee. We will continue looking and advertise the position in the next newsletter.
- The chair position for the Community Building committee also remains unfilled. We will continue to ask for a volunteer and advertise the position in the next newsletter.

What we want to do this year:

- Parents agreed that they want to continue what we did this year as follows:
 - Winter Holiday get-together
 - Fundraisers as necessary
 - College Info Session
 - Newsletter
 - Automatic phone calling for functions
 - Website
 - Helping to find internship opportunities
 - Student presentations/end of year BBQ
 - Working with Irma Parker on calling parents of students who are getting Ds and Fs to help them make use of CP Academy support.
- Parents also want to continue to use the Parents Council as a forum for discussing classroom issues and to make our services available in the classroom.

Action items for the next meeting:

- We decided to invite Mr. Bremer to come to the next meeting to discuss IMP math, specifically in terms of how it relates to standardized tests.
- Also in the next meeting, parents want to discuss block scheduling (which will be implemented next year) and how it will be used in CP Academy.

Lynn Mueller talked to us about WriterCoach Connection:

- All CP Academy freshmen and sophomores will work with a writer coach this year. Each of them will have 8 to 10 25-minute one-on-one sessions over the course of the year.
- We need volunteers to become coaches. What's involved is six hours of training and one to two hours a week volunteering in the classroom. It was stressed that a parent can volunteer in a classroom other than their own child's. If parents can't volunteer themselves, they are encouraged to talk to family and friends about becoming coaches.
- For information on training and becoming a volunteer, people can go to the WriterCoach Connection website, www.writercoachconnection.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. The process observer noted that it was a well-run, on-time, on-track meeting, with friendly sharing of information, and good participation from all who attended.