

PTF Meeting

November 18, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Mr. Kevin Frye

In Attendance:

Jessica Jackson, Miranda Simons, Sarah Thompson, Alison Duda, Nicole Trainer, Theresa Skoloda, Cindy Dalton, Kelli O'Rourke, Ann Amatucci, Kate Piper, Jessica Krom, Colleen Evans, Kevin Frye, Kim Goodsell (recorder)

Absent:

Kirstin Meyer, Jody Dlugos, Ashley Masters, Amanda Hauer, Dawn Berkebile (attended, left before the meeting began)

Donated Playground

After opening prayer, Mr. Frye provided an update on the status of the playground donated by Sacred Heart.

- If used, CDT will be responsible for tear down and reassembling the playground
- Although 3 playground locations were offered to the council, none were approved
 - Between basketball courts
 - Upper parking lot
 - Teacher's parking lot
- Discussion about possible location and future plans will continue

Uniform Concerns

Mr. Frye addressed concerns regarding:

- Fit and quality of French Toast polo shirts: pilling
- French Toast skirts and pants do not fit well
 - Suggested solutions include adding 1-2 additional brands
 - Izod suggested
 - Schoolbelles
- Concert dress for girls in winter: add tights due to cold weather/waiting at bus stop
- Boys shoes: list of approved shoes that have shown to hold up will be included by Mr. Frye as an attachment to the minutes
- Belts other than French Toast brand may be worn
- Suggestions will be taken to the uniform committee for further discussion

Father/Daughter Dance

It was suggested by a parent that a Father/Daughter Dance be held in the spring (Feb/March). A committee was formed as follows:

- Jessica Jackson (lead)
- Kate Piper
- Ann Amatucci
- Theresa Skoloda

It was also suggested that a mother/son event be planned.

Movie Night/Parent Night Out

There was confusion among some parents as to which events were open invitation. In the future, PTF's plan for parents will be given to Mr. Frye in advance to be advertised along with the movie night.

Halloween Costume

Parents voiced concern that some Halloween costumes were not appropriate for CDT school functions. In the future, Mr. Frye will, in advance, communicate expectations of Halloween costumes in holding with the values of CDT and reserves the right to reject costumes for CDT functions - including the Logic School Halloween Dance and the parade.

Communication

Some parents have experienced poor communication in the following ways:

- Calendar changes: Mr. Frye is aware of the difficulty working parents have in arranging schedules and event planning will be communicated more clearly between teachers and staff. It was noted that there are situations outside of CDT's control in which changes may need to occur.
- Nonresponse of some teachers to parent emails: Mr. Frye stated that, in general, email responses should occur by the next day.
- Delay in adding grades to PowerSchool: Some parents have experienced a delay in grades being added to PowerSchool so that they weren't aware of a problem until the grading period was nearly over. Mr. Frye stated that, in general, grades should be added to PowerSchool within a week of being taken. It was noted that there are exceptions that may not fit the general rule. Procedure for parents would be to first go to the teacher with your concern, then copy Mr. Frye in on communications with teacher. Mr. Frye will follow up with teachers.

Math Curriculum

Some parents voiced dissatisfaction with regard to the "Common Core" math curriculum. After much discussion and explanation, the PTF suggested several solutions to help parents better understand the value of CDT's math curriculum. Chiefly, the idea of scheduling a public PTF meeting in which an opportunity to explain and give meaning to the concepts behind CDT's curriculum for math was suggested.

Principal's Comments

Mr. Frye spoke regarding the following topics:

- Success of the EITC program
- Low attendance for the next Bingo Night
 - An email will be sent to PTF to forward to homerooms
 - A decision will be made on Wednesday, November 20 as to whether or not the event will be cancelled
 - CDT families will be offered the opportunity to purchase the \$25 ticket at a 2 for \$30 deal
- Newsletter
 - 50% of those who receive the newsletter are actually opening it
 - To encourage more readership, a new format will be introduced
 - The updated newsletter will be condensed into 1 page of the most pertinent and up-to-date information that CDT families should know
 - A link will be added to the longer version of the newsletter
- Greenhouse
 - The foundation was poured. Thank you to Aggressive Grinding.
 - CDT will need the help of its families to assemble the greenhouse.
- Advent Night of Preparation: Monday, November 25
 - PTF to send information to homerooms
 - Will also be in the newsletter

Closing prayer

Ann Amatucci