

Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 4:30 pm

Attendees: Ken McDaniel, Carmen Diaz-Jusino, Ed Givens, Dr. Lloyd Matsumoto, Maxford Foster Sr., Jason Markham, Jasmine Blackmar

Times2 Staff: Glenn Piros, Marybeth Marceau, Jerry Kowalczyk, John Reis, Katherine Maloney, Joselinne Then, Tara Davidson, Marianne Connor, Julie McLemore, David Schoonmaker

Special Guest: Paul Simas, Mathew R. Plain, Esq.

Meeting was called to order: 4:30 pm

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting on June 24, 2013: Approved.

2. Committee Reports:

 Education Committee: Dr. Lloyd Matsumoto spoke briefly about an October 1, 2013 meeting in where the education committee will discuss the matter of who gets to “walk” at graduation. He also noted a new Education sub-committee, headed by Carmen Diaz-Jusino, is being formed to support and nurture parent networks. Carmen spoke briefly about her experiences in the current Grade 8 network.

3. Physical Plant Projects

Paul Simas presented three projects for Board action.

- Planting 175 Sargent Junipers in the left side of the main entrance of the High School. This would prevent students from sliding/rolling down the hill – and avoid injury.**
- Replacement of cement walkway at the base of stairs on the left side of the main entrance of the High School to restore proper elevation**

and drainage to prevent pooling and freezing of water.

- Security Film to be placed on all “first level” glass.

These projects were approved by the Board.

Mr. Simas also discussed the Key FOB functions, restrictions, and how the new entry control system would be in place and running in about 2-3 more weeks. In addition, he mentioned that the FOB system would be managed by Maribeth Marceau’s office, supported by John Reis and Linda Mousseau.

4. Administration Reports/Initiatives

Katherine Maloney provided a presentation entitled “Vision of Past into the Future” (see handout). She discussed the importance of communication and culture and specifically noted the importance of parent communication. She mentioned that there would be a Senior Class Dinner on September 24. This would include a “work session” which would allow seniors to focus on how seniors would like to be treated through the introduction of “senior privileges”. Ms. Maloney is also introducing a monthly luncheon to be held with ~ half dozen randomly selected students to help “close the gap” between students and administration. She mentioned that calendars and handbooks have been developed in both English and Spanish and will be provided to the Board. Lastly she discussed the sign-off process as part of report card implementation that will be taking place to ensure that parents receive student’s report cards.

Jerry Kowalczyk spoke on the following:

- An emerging idea discussed with Mr. Charles Johnson involving teachers switching roles by taking over each other's class for one period. This remains a work-in-progress and will be pursued at the upcoming teacher appreciation event.
- The Charter Renewal (see Handout) emphasizing leader and staff evaluations as a condition for finalizing our Charter renewal. He stated that RIDE would be looking for evidence of such evaluations and that an update will be provided at the next Board meeting.
- The introduction of a process to conduct personal meetings with each staff member.

5. Jasmine Blackmar introduced a draft of a Board developed Newsletter to be disseminated to all stakeholders.

6. No Old Business to discuss

7. No New Business to discuss

8. Public Comments:

While no public comments were offered, Mr. McDaniel noted that public comments will be allotted ~3 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm to executive session:

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Diaz-Jusino & Joselinne A. Then