DHS-West Campus H&S Meeting

3/10/16

Official Minutes

Principal Report: Kurt Barker

- Scheduling for 2016-17 coming to a close.
  - Looking at staffing with requests for staffing changes to be discussed in April.
  - Only 2 retirements, at this point, at West.
  - AP Physics 1: lots of kids signed up for this course. This is an algebra-based course. Offered 2016-17
  - Honors Physics 2, offered 2016-17
  - In 2017-18, AP Physics 2 will replace Honors Physics 2
  - Keeping the AP C Physics, which is calculus based and included Electro Magnetics
  - Blended courses: Students who took them really enjoyed them, same number of blended courses offered next year

- Spring sports up and going

- Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang, the school play: 3/31/16 through 4/3/16
  - A team from MC6GC to come see the show
  - DMS 8th graders might come see the show
  - Saturday and Sunday, H&S volunteers to sell snacks at the show to raise funds for Post Prom

- Winter wave of Keystones preliminary results look good
  - ELit looking at mid 90% of students scoring proficient or better
  - Math: 80% or so students scoring proficient or better
  - Bio: 80% or so students scoring proficient or better
  - The State uses the Keystones to measure how students do and how schools teach.
  - There are 2 modules of each test: State usually does a ‘Superscore’, where it takes the best of the 2 scores/test
• Renovations at West: Track, roof, and turf fields
• District: re-looking at bus routes and transportation

Old Business: Minutes approved from 1/14/16

New Business:

• Treasurer: Money looks good. Have money for scholarships for seniors.
  o H&S will pay for entrees for presenters and escorts for Holocaust Symposium
  o H&S will pay for entrees for Teacher Luncheon
  o H&S counting on parents to donate additional items for both Holocaust Symposium and Teacher Luncheon

• Joint H&S: 3 speakers:
  o Jackie Fenn, Executive Director of Downingtown Community Education Foundation
  o Fundraiser: Student Art Show and Gala: April 5th Preview, April 6 6-8:30pm Dinner and Auction. Funds get split between the artist, school art program and Education Foundation
  o Education Foundation offers: Teacher venture grants, after school and summer programs, and special projects across the district.
  o DASD School Board Members: Colleen Cranney, President and new member, David Kring
  o Ms. Cranney and Mr. Kring introduced themselves and spoke about why they ran for the school board and what they hope to accomplish.

• School Board Report:
  o Still reviewing policy 707: Usage of Facilities, still not out for 30 day review
  o Technology Plan approved
  o Field trips approved
  o Lunch increases: increases are as a result of a state requirement: $0.10 increase for school lunch for 2016-17 for elementary and middle school.
  o District wide 5 year spending plan approved
Technology role out for 2016-17:
- 9th and 10th graders, in January of 16-17, will be able to choose between buying own laptop which meets district specs, rent a district apple laptop or a district Dell laptop: price structure and roll out to be explained in a letter from the district to parents by the end of this year.

Post Prom Update: Decorations are coming along despite lack of volunteer help. Same few people are helping, but could use lots more help.
- Games and Activities are being reserved, contracts being signed.
- Panera fundraiser: Worked out pretty well, but more funds needed to throw a FREE party for close to 400 students!!
- Phone Bank event coming up: purpose to raise funds
- May 16-20 Chick-Fil-a fundraiser
- Senior letters asking for donations have been mailed
- H&S selling parent donated water (H&S will supply pretzels) at the play to help raise funds for Post Prom

Holocaust Symposium: April 14: Asking for parents to donate desserts
Teacher Luncheon: April 26: Asking for parents to donate desserts and salads as well as volunteer to help with the event.
FlowerPower Fundraiser: H&S event
Scholarships for Seniors: will be collected by Mr. Jones and review by H&S reps who do not have seniors
H&S needs volunteers for Secretary and Co-President as well as parents to volunteer to help with individual events next year.
Post Prom will need volunteers to Chair and Co-Chair various positions as many of current Post Prom Chairs are parents of seniors. Please consider stepping up now so you can shadow those who have done this for years. Unless there are parent volunteers for 2016-17 Post Prom, it is in danger of not happening.

Important dates:

3/31/16 through 4/3/16: Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang
4/5/16: 1:30 Curriculum Meeting: Trestle Place
4/6/16: 6pm: Committee of the Whole Meeting: Trestle Place
4/13/16: 7pm: School Board Meeting: Trestle Place
4/14/16: Holocaust Symposium
4/26/16: Teachers’ Appreciation Luncheon
5/ 12/16: 7pm West H&S Meeting: Library