

Classical School

Advisory Council Minutes

October 13, 2009

6:00-7:00pm in Room 122

Election of two parent representatives to Advisory Council – Jeni Ho and Ann Gilboa were elected to serve as parent representatives for the 2009-2010 school year.

Student Council Update – Student Council advisor, Jess Crownhart, introduced the name of the Student Council officers for this school year. Two of the officers were at the meeting and reported that the school will continue to sponsor the Pennies for Peace drive this school year. We will also be collecting food for St. Joe's Food Pantry in November with a focus on Thanksgiving food items.

Lego League Presentation – Members of one of our Lego League competition teams presented information on research they have done for their project. The students did a very nice job of explaining ways that we can conserve energy with a focus on the no-idling campaign. The students will be posting signs by the drop-off pick up areas to remind parents to turn off their cars while they are waiting for their children.

CCSA Board Updates – Peter Leschke from the CCSA Board discussed the future of the trip to Costa Rica for students who graduate from eighth grade. Peter reported that the Board will be making a decision soon about whether or not to continue this trip. While the trip has been a great success and opportunity for our students, the Board has a number of areas to review to see if it is feasible to continue with this trip. Peter asked parents to watch for updates in the *Classical Columns*.

Administrative Updates – Constance Ford reported on the procedures for presenting Advisory Council agenda requests. Parents and staff members may submit requests to her or any other member of the Advisory Council. Council members will submit those requests to her. Advisory Council members for 2009-2010 include: Jeni Ho and Ann Gilboa (parent representatives); Chris VanRyzin and Susan Rivers (faculty representatives); Constance Ford (administrator); and members of the CCSA Board.

New staff members – New staff members for the 2009-2010 school year include:

- Angela Olson – 7th/8th chorus
- Michele Uthmeier – 7th/8th humanities
- Patti Wilson – 4th – 8th strings
- Karen Hoppe – 3rd grade
- Mary Sargent – Speech and Language

Fundraisers for the school year – Fundraisers we have in place for the school year include: Box Tops for Education; Campbell's Soup Labels and Milk Tops; Fall Fest; Knowledge-a-thon; Market Day; and Ink Cartridges.

Concordia Language Village trip 2009 – Thirty-six seventh and eighth grade students will be attending the four-day camp at Concordia Language Village in Bemidji, Minnesota October 22nd – 25th. Classical School teachers Sara Lariviere, Norma Meidl, and Tom Bomann will be chaperoning the trip.

Curriculum/Program Updates and Upcoming Events – Kathy Povolny provided updates on the upcoming enrollment period for the 2010-2011 school year for new students. Applications will be accepted November 1, 2009 through January 15, 2010 for the lottery. Applications received after that will be processed in the order in which they are received. Kathy reminded parents that siblings will have a priority but it is important to remember that they must complete applications and enrollment is not guaranteed.

Kathy also provided an update on the clubs and sports that are running for the school year or fall.

- Fall Fest will be held on Friday, October 23rd, from 5:00 – 7:30pm in the Forum.
- Boys Basketball will be starting on October 15th. Girls Basketball on January 4th and Wrestling on January 18th.
- Other Clubs currently running: Salsa Club, Science Olympiad, Battle of the Books, Destination Imagination, Garden Club, Mythology Club, PALS Club, Tennis Club, Lego League, Ski Club, Kidstage, and Forensics.
- Geography Bee and Spelling Bee will take place in December and January respectively

WKCE testing will begin in November after the short break at the end of October.

Parent-Teacher conferences are approaching. Parents will be providing meals for the staff on October 20, 22 and 28th.