

# Parent CATS Meeting Agenda

October 4, 2023

7:00pm in the LHS Library

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Megan called the meeting to order at 7:06p
- II. Guest Speaker- Mr. Ben Rodriguez, Director of College and Career Readiness
  - a. Mr. Stevens gave the presentation on Mr. Rodriguez's behalf
  - b. Mr. Rodriguez is heading up the "Exploring Multiple Paths" program to introduce students to the wide variety of career, college, military and trade opportunities available to them.
  - c. Mr. Rodriguez will be invited to join Parent Cats at a meeting in the spring.
- III. Principal's Report
  - a. It's Homecoming week! The kids have been very engaged and excited about the week's activities. The dance is Saturday; freshmen parents will be sent a newsletter explaining the night's activities including the dance in the gym, games in the library, and movie presentation. Football game is Friday night. The parade is 9:30a Saturday morning from the train station down Brainerd Avenue until hwy 176 towards the high school.
  - b. Next week's schedule:
    - i. Monday is day off for students.
    - ii. Daring Day is Tuesday.
      1. He reminded parents that students who are taking the PSAT that day must pick up their pre-registration form from the office before Friday, 10/6; without that pre-registration, they cannot test that day. Seniors do not need to attend that day unless they want to work with the CRC on their applications or college visits. From 10a-12p, there is a Daring Day service project planting on Butler Lake; juniors and seniors can volunteer that day in lieu of classes or other activities. Parent volunteers should contact Mr. Stevens if they'd like to help; students have a sign-up link available to them but they won't be turned away if they show up to help.
      2. Freshmen will listen to a speaker about life after high school and they'll take a post high school planning assessment to recommend careers that match their personality type. In the afternoon, they'll hear from teachers about their career paths and hobbies.
      3. Sophomores will take an interest inventory, choose a career cluster, and then attend two 40-minute speaker sessions on those careers. Then a short panel in the auditorium about career and college choices.
  - c. "Ask Dr. K" questions for this month:
    - i. "Why were some bus routes merged with others?" They were merged due to the number of students on those routes. Parents should contact Diane Gratz if students are on a bus longer than 45 minutes.
    - ii. "What happened to the wildcat growl after touchdowns at the football game?" There is an IHSA rule not allowing artificial noise at high school games so it was discontinued.
- IV. President's Report – Megan Huber
  - a. Megan gave a warm welcome to all in attendance and introduced Kristin Malek.
- V. First Vice President's Report – Kristin Malek
  - a. Kristin introduced herself.
- VI. Second Vice President's Report – Amy Neff
  - a. Directories are waiting on content from the school and will be printed as soon as possible.

- b. FAD70 is soliciting input into the summer school curriculum. Amy encouraged parents to take the survey and participate in the program.

#### VII. Treasurer's Report – Ann Rappa

- a. Budget was approved after the last meeting. Budget and monthly financials will be posted on the website.
- b. Current cash balance is under \$30,000, not including a \$15,000 CD which matures in January. \$20,000 has been pledged for new library furniture.
- c. Revenue:
  - i. 62 bricks have been sold compared to a goal of 100; sale will continue through the end of the football season and be installed in the spring (unless a mild winter allows for it). The group suggested a few ideas to promote the sales, including a set deadline to create a sense of urgency and targeting alumni at the football game or the alumni tour after the homecoming parade.
  - ii. Sold 102 directories
  - iii. \$1,300 received in donations including \$500 Treat Day and \$460 Staff Hospitality

#### VIII. Secretary's Report – Becky Streff

- a. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved with one correction: the budget was not approved at the meeting. The minutes will be amended to read "The budget was approved after the meeting via an electronic approval."

#### IX. Committee Reports

- a. Activities/Coat Check – Meg Carter & Heather Mazzeno
  - i. All set for the Homecoming dance with 11 additional volunteers. Set-up starts Saturday at 1p.
- b. College and Career Resource Center –Ann Rappa
  - i. Sign-ups are full; confirmations will be sent the week day before. Treats will be provided for the November 'check in' date.
  - ii. Mrs. Murphy is open to feedback and ideas; parents are welcome to reach out with thoughts and ideas.
- c. Community Outreach/window painting– Sonja Causemaker
  - i. Participation was strong. Most downtown businesses participated; even up to the last minute. Notes and supplies for next time were captured for reference.
- d. Fundraising- Trish Graditor
  - i. Megan shared that Trish is currently working on a few ideas.
- e. GOAL Award – Michael Westphall
  - i. Not active at this time
- f. Gym Uniforms – Jennifer Tepper & Carina DeCroes
  - i. \$6,728 received from Sports11
- g. Hospitality-Donna Griffin & Christine Merrild
  - i. Friday is Donut Day; 1,000 ordered from Lee's Donuts for students and staff
  - ii. Early November is staff luncheon; details TBD.
- h. Social Media & Communications-Rebecca Gaples
  - i. Ideas for posts: homecoming parade route and digital pre-registration for the PSAT
- i. Spirit Store – Michelle Sieks & Christine Trowbridge
  - i. Great activity at the window painting and will be at the Homecoming football game. Pop-up shops will be planned for winter/holiday season; looking for a downtown location.
- j. Website – Karen Cordes
  - i. No update

#### X. Old Business/New Business-

- a. Fine Arts Support Team (FAST)
  - i. Trivia Night next Friday

b. Libertyville Connect

i. Free Narcan training course 10/21<sup>st</sup> at Advocate Condell

XI. Upcoming Events

a. Directory sale ends 10/7

b. Homecoming dance (10/7)-Coat Check

c. DARING Day/PSAT/Senior college prep (10/10)

XII. Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:40p. The next meeting is November 1st, 7pm.