

Parent CATS meeting minutes

January 10, 2024

- I. President's Report – Megan Huber
 - no report given
- II. First Vice President's Report – Kristen Malek
 - not in attendance
- III. Second Vice President's Report – Amy Neff
 - no report. FAD meeting for D70 is in March. Requests were made to inquire about the environmental flag on the Copeland/Libertyville area due to an increase in childhood brain tumors/cancer.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Ann Rappa
 - no changes. Hospitality and Spirit Store show the only changes for inflows/outflows. Parent CATs will help collect money for the Senior Graduation party but it will be cash in-cash out. No net income.
- V. Secretary's Report – Becky Streff-not in attendance
- VI. Committee reports
 - A. Activities – Meg Carter & Heather Mazzeno
 - Winter Dance coat check sign up will go out soon. The dance is at the end of Feb.
 - B. College and Career Resource Center –Ann Rappa
 - sign ups for 2nd semester will go out ASAP. Please remember to only sign up for one time slot and to contact Sara Cardinale before your assignment. Instructions will be in the sign up link.
 - C. Community Outreach – Sonja Causemaker
 - No report
 - D. Fundraising- Trish Graditor
 - *Possibly do a yard sign for graduates
 - E. GOAL Award – Michele Westphall-
 - applications/essays are being collected by the CRC. Michele is gathering the group of reviewers together to be ready to review and select the 4 students to be awarded the scholarship.
 - F. Gym Uniforms – Jennifer Tepper & Carina DeCroes
 - no report
 - G. Hospitality-Donna Griffin & Christine Merrild
 - looking for dates for our winter hot cocoa day
 - H. Social Media & Communications-Rebecca Gaples
 - no report
 - I. Spirit Store – Michelle Sieks & Christine Trowbridge
 - 8th grade orientation (round 1) is this week. We will be open and anticipate a larger crowd. The 2nd orientation day is in March and will be focused on clubs and activities.

J. Website – Karen Cordes

VII. Principals Report

Back to school has been good so far but staff and student sickness are at a high.

Currently the school is in the middle of course selection.. Counselors are starting with appointments. Juniors will be this week followed by sophomores and then freshman.

- 2/14 portal closes
- March-sectioning and staffing
- April-spring clean up
- May-schedule conflicts
- Summer-Open add/drop based on availability.

Dr. Kouletnes provided an overview of the Innovative use of time committee that has met.

- D128 is analyzing the bell schedule. Currently there is a traditional 8 period day (45 min in length). How might we structure time to best meet these needs? Block? Hybrid, modular?
- Spring 2024-explorations of area school schedules. Model schedules presented.
- Fall 2024 teacher negotiations union
- Spring 2025 staff development for new schedule
- Fall 2026 earliest implementation.

Upcoming opportunities for kids were provided:

- Raising a drug free teen (put on by LEAD 1/25),
- Wildcat Summit-hosted by the school (1/24),
- Youth and mental Health First Aid training (1/18)

VIII. Old Business/New Business

- A. Senior Graduation Committee update-Chairs Walt Melcher (waltmelcher@gmail.com) & Trish Graditor (tlejman@juno.com)

439 class size. Pinstripes in Hoffman Estates is booked. Planning in process.

Note of thanks for the senior party. Volunteer assignments will be out soon

IX. Upcoming Events-volunteers needed

- A. 8th grade orientation-(1/11 & 3/12)
- B. Winter dance (10/24)
- C. Hot cocoa day-Feb/march TBD

X. Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting is February 7th at 7:00 pm in the Library