

Fairview High School
Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting of November 10, 2010

Christie Sprowl called the meeting to order at 7:48 am, 19 people in attendance

Secretary's Report (Diana Moss)

- Moved that the minutes of the September 8 and October 13 FPO meetings be introduced into the record. Motion seconded and voted upon.

President's Report (Christie Sprowl)

- Good response from Knight Quest solicitation for funds. Collecting about \$1,500 per week.
- Minutes of the FPO meetings not yet posted on the website. Waiting for completion of Fairviews website.
- Need a hospitality coordinator to do smaller events (e.g., teacher appreciation, etc.)

Communications Director Report (Kelly Fano)

- Fairviews coming out online soon. Will consolidate information (Knight News, FPO news, athletics, academic, counseling, etc.). Information included must be approved through the school.
- Publication will out on 1st and 15th of the month, with submission deadlines of the previous 10th and 25th, respectively.

Principal's Report (Don Stensrud)

- **Open enrollment:** Showcase in mid-December, filling up freshman experiences (run by Student Council) and tours (run by assistant principals). District has no cap on open enrollment. Can go to 2,150 (over program capacity) but official count this year is 1,973.
- **Financial situation:** With Referendum, should be steady in terms of current levels of staffing. Last year staffed at 26.5:1, currently staffed at 27.5:1, and may reduce to 26:1. Brings class sizes down and increases number of classes students can take.
- **Costs of transportation:** Attempting to reduce. If use smaller white busses, could reduce costs dramatically.
- **New volunteer rules:** Currently two types of background checks: (1) CPI for ongoing volunteers/assistant coaches and (2) sex-offenders list for one time volunteers. This may

not be enough. Checks are expensive, so costs may be transferred to the volunteer. Risk is a decline in volunteerism. HRD is putting discussion paper together. Discussion of what FPO can do (write to BVSD, etc.).

- **Parking situation:** Have approval from district to make right turn only from senior lot. Trying to make drop off zone on the north side of the senior lot, then right turn only on to Gillaspie for certain hours of the day. Working with city engineer to possibly change parking on Greenbriar to diagonal . Also working with RTD to move bus stop toward the east.
- **Late start for 2011-12.** Discussion of types of late start for high schools, times, District parameters, effects on schedule (e.g., period length and block days), professional development days, transportation issues, athletics. Discussion of possible beneficial effects of late start based on studies of teenager sleep patterns. Presentation to be made to Superintendent King's office February 1-March 1. Signup sheet for volunteer late-start committee.
- **Communication:** Feedback that perhaps too many emails. Want to get to point where if there is a special announcement, it should be really important. Otherwise, will send out information in Fairviews 2x/month. Discussion of handling messages from principal vs. school, high level of communication vs. white noise.
- **Vandalism:** \$10,000 in damage. Vandals (7 involved) will be paying restitution, suspended from school, and doing community service. Football field and tennis courts will be costly to repair, as will salting damage to ultimate Frisbee field.

New Business

- Discussion of possible purchase of more picnic tables.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.