

Classical Magnet Parent Senate Meeting Minutes December 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

- ❖ Update from Librarian - Denise Kennedy
 - Integrated Electives
 - Theatre presenting *Cinderella* Thursday – Saturday. This is the first student-directed production at Classical.
 - Music: there will be a combined concert – orchestra, band, and chorus with a bake sale at same time, 7 p.m.
 - Reading: 180 Program took place on Monday.
 - Box Tops – Classical received from General Mills and Shop Rite advising that Classical was selected to be given \$5,000 in box tops. These funds are added to the CMS account with General Mills and CMS is given a check at the end of the year.
 - Tip!!! – if you enter a retail website through the Box Tops site, CMS gets points
 - Library – list handed out of suggested books for holiday gift-giving
 - Summer Reading Committee – Deborah Ellis is being considered as One Author. She writes mostly about social issues involving kids.
- ❖ Principal's Update – Mr. Sullivan
 - College Acceptances for senior class looking really good. So far 22% applied. Two Early Decisions already received.
 - Recent Meeting with Superintendent
 - New definition of Autonomy – the Superintendent has called a meeting of Autonomous Schools to discuss further.
 - Risk Manager hired – recommending get rid of vans due to risk of tipping. CMS will eventually have to sell the vans and buy mini-buses.
 - 9th graders took national standardized tests today. Will have results tomorrow.
- ❖ Curriculum Committee – Deb Spencer
 - See attachment, last page of today's agenda
 - Development of the grading policy will be discussed on December 21st, 6-8 pm. Needed are approximately seven parent representatives to share their perspectives on the current pilot grading policy and what they would like to see in the new, formal policy.
 - There was a suggestion to have an email and a voice recording go out to parents also asking for their feedback on the current pilot.
- ❖ Voting on Proposals
 - 2011-12-1 (Common Room): Favor = 4, Opposed = 19, Abstain = 2
 - 2011-12-3 (Dress Down on Exam Days): Favor = 0, Opposed = 22, Abstain = 2
- ❖ Old Business
 - Parent Engagement – possibly use technology like Net Meeting so that parents can attend virtually. Mr. Sullivan is in favor per discussion with Marissa, but needs more research as to how will work, cost, etc.

- Safety/Traffic Initiative – preliminary discussions have been held with WCCC, Mayor Segarra, and St. Francis Hospital. All are in favor of working together to get this done. Parent, David Rozinsky, is trying to get an in-person meeting with these and other interested parties. Latesha Jones was asked to rejoin our meeting at this point. After being given a summary, Latesha advised she would voice our concerns to the Director of Security at CMS, Joe Sikora and get his feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.