

## PAC – Parent Advisory Committee

9-13-17

In Attendance: Mark Cappel, Marc Mclemore, Dawn Humphrey, Melissa Batchelor, Laura Shansey, Jennifer Patridge, Lola Mans, Ricardo Anderson, Susan Hatfield, Ruth Waggener, Jennifer Patridge and Kathy Stevenson

- Welcome by Mr. Cappel
- Guest Speaker: Marc McLemore- (Safe Schools Coordinator)
  - Stationed at AHS
  - Retired from Madison Co. Sheriff's office, Godfrey Supervisor for SRO's, Lieutenant, Captain, and Patrol Commander and over SWAT Team, responsible for AHS and Triad, Court Security Director, and coached girls AHS basketball.
  - Marc will work to unite the many different entities and work with the school district.
  - I will be on extra set of eyes for the school district. Very close connection with the Sheriff's Office and can bring a unique set of skills for security at AHS.
  - Talking to kids is so important.
  - Continuous monitoring of every place in AHS with a schedule hour by hour of who is monitoring which area. Visibility from Security will be higher, including an outside perimeter walk.
  - Will be meeting with AHS/AMS security and on a quarterly basis. In-service day on October 6<sup>th</sup> for all our security staff.
- PAC last year helped us solve some problems such as:
  - The sidewalk at AHS
  - The fence at East
  - Arrows at AMS on pavement
  - New parking lots at AHS/AMS/East/LJ

- Added November 8<sup>th</sup> to our PAC meeting since the schedule was first passed out.
- This appears to be one of the best starts of school in a long time!!
- Work at MAC is continuing. We will be bringing some students back from CCH and Coordinated Youth.
- Finances-We have new Director of Finance, Mary Schell, who has served in many Administration positions in Jerseyville SD and has hit the ground running.
- There was a time you could do a three year predication with the budget. Currently, we are month to month. The new approved funding formula is fair to ALL schools in Illinois. Chicago will now have to write grants to receive block grant money. State has already paid us back 1.4 million from our (previously called) GSA. We should receive an extra \$900,000. State said they overpaid us through CPPRT and they are going to take \$1.2 million back so we are again in a concerning situation with finances. We need another funding source as we are in a little bit of crisis mode right now.
- Another new procedure is around fundraising. We have a lot of fundraising going on at ACUSD#11. We have created a form to track the many fundraisers Mr. Cappel is asked to approve. All fundraisers will need approved by Mr. Cappel based on the new fundraising form that he created. We don't want clubs to compete with each other for fundraisers. We don't want to control, but need to get a handle on them and protect the process and how often we are hitting up our local businesses. Form was passed out to those present and all principals have the form.

#### BUILDING REPORTS:

##### Gilson Brown-

- Tightened up account-keeping with checks and balances
- Gilson/West Fall Festival on 29<sup>th</sup>

##### North-

- Mrs. Johnson is very approachable and parents seem to really like her.
- Drop off is going pretty well. Pick up is never going to go well due to the size of the parking lot.
- Running Redbirds starts tomorrow.
- Family reading night is on September 20<sup>th</sup> which is combined with LC/North and another on October 18<sup>th</sup> with Trick or Treating at LC
- Combined Trivia Night on November 11<sup>th</sup>

#### AMS-

- All school dance on September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Fall ball on October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Tennis is starting next Monday. Mondays and Wednesdays at Rock Springs Park with Phil Trapani coaching.

#### LJ-

- Book Fair on September 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> with Grandparent breakfast on 9-22 and Reading Night on 9-28 and ROAR started last week.
- ROAR is West/North 7:30 -8:00 and ES/LJ/GB/LC 7:45 – 8:15, Tuesday through Friday.
- On-line registration: How were the numbers? Some parents were confused as they did on-line, however, they received a phone dialer that stated they still had to come in to show their two proofs. Wrong information is coming out on registration sheets.

#### AHS-

- Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is Panoramic Picture Day
- Spirit Week: Monday-USA Day, Tuesday-Decade Day, Wednesday-Class Color Day, Thursday-Superhero Day, Friday-Red Out Day
- September 22<sup>th</sup> is Homecoming. Parade at 5:00 p.m. and game at 7:00 p.m.
- October 6 – Senior Night Football Game at 7:00 p.m.

## **Questions to look into:**

**What happened to the anonymous tab on the website for reporting?** *This tab is located at the bottom of the main page on the website. It is listed as 'Stay Safe, Speak Up!' We will move it to a more prominent area for students and parents.*

**What is the policy on athletes for drug testing?** *We do not do random drug testing. We follow the code of conduct for athletes.*

**Why isn't there soccer at AMS?** *When the district finances are looking better this is something Mr. Cappel would be happy to open up for discussion.*

Next Meeting – October 11, 2017