

## Canon-McMillan School District Parent Council

### Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2011

The April meeting of the 2010/2011 Parent Council was called to order at 9:38am on Friday, 04/15/11 at Canon-McMillan High School by Amy Smith – Parent Council Vice President. Jan Lawrence – Parent Council President was not in attendance. There were 31 people in attendance.

Amy Smith (Vice President) thanked the High School for hosting. She sent around the Board positions sheet for the 2011/ 2012 Parent Council.

Mr. Helinski (High School) –

- Detailed important upcoming dates.
- Thursday, 4/21 is an Inservice Day but the Seniors will present their 'future career' service project.
- The Prom Promise (Don't Drink and Drive message) will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The prom will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Graduation is on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Cathy Kohlmeyer and seconded by Wendy Gereke.

#### **Featured Speakers:**

Steve Andronas – Director of Guidance in the High School Guidance Office

- There are four employees in the Guidance Office. The students are divided according to the letter of the alphabet.
- Responsibilities include attending IEP and Chapter 15 meeting, scheduling of classes, credit check for courses, enrolling new students and meeting with students and /or parents.
- Mr. Andronas is responsible for scholarships, alternative schools (Phase 4, Clark and Night School), ESL Students, four exchange students, and TES/Life Skills/Special Education
- The National Honor Society students provide tutoring to those students needing help in subject areas.
- The three other counselors are responsible for AP testing, study skills groups, VO Tech students, Career Fair and job shadowing.
- Mr. Andronas outlined the requirements for Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior students.

#### **Reports:**

Dr. Helen McCracken (Superintendent) - Not in attendance

School Board Representative – Not in attendance

Mrs. Grace Lani (Director of Curriculum and Instruction) –

- 2011-2012 Kindergarten Registration will be online.
- The 2011 Summer Enrichment programs will be held at NSIS. NASA Emission will be funded this year.
- The state budget is still being discussed.
- Fundraising forms will be distributed after the Spring Break.
- Parent groups should plan on paying for Field Trips (\$5/child), although nothing is definitive. This cost should include the cost of transportation as well, approximately \$125/bus. Carryover of funds will be allowed.

### **School Reports:**

Mrs. Tomicek (South Central) –

- Raised money for the Humane Society.
- Continuing to collect for the new library.
- Took First grade Field Trip to Seussical the Musical.
- Family Reading Night held.

Mrs. Brose (Muse and Hills-Hendersonville Elementaries) -

- VIP Breakfast was held.
- At Hills-Hendersonville, Family Bingo Night was held with proceeds going to the Women's Shelter.
- Presidents program being held.
- Tree of Life program, for Earth Day, being held.

Dr. Taranto (Canonsburg Middle School) –

- Programs and meetings are scheduled for Sixth grade transitions to the Middle School. They include Parent Orientation and Move Up Day.
- American Heart Association gave grant money for the Seventh Graders to be trained in CPR.
- Symphonic Band is at PMEA in Hershey.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Schools to Watch celebration will take place.

Mr. Abbondanza (North Strabane Intermediate) –

- Fifth grade Maturation classes held.
- Middle School counselors came to speak to Sixth graders.
- Students took 4<sup>th</sup> place in Literature Fest.

Mr. Chambers (Cecil Intermediate) – Not in attendance

Mrs. Dziak (First Street and Cecil Elementaries) –

- \$1,000 was raised for charity.
- VIP Day, Battle of the Books, Family Fun Night and the Talent Show were all held.
- The First Street elementary student that was selected to present a speech at the annual Pennsylvania Association for Federal Programs Coordinators (PAFPC) conference did a fabulous job.

Mrs. Uitas - (Borland Manor and Wylandville) –

- VIP Days, the Talent Show, Reading Sleepover (at Borland Manor), Science Day and Scouting for Food all either took place or are taking place.

**Old Business** – None

Maria Trossman voiced concerns about the Arts being cut in the budget cuts.

**PTA News** - None

**New Business**

- We will vote for the 2011/2012 fundraising dates in May.
- No Blue Sheet questions.

Adjournment – Marie Trossman motioned meeting adjourned at 11:22am.

The next and final general meeting will be held on May 20, 2011 at 9:30am at the North Strabane Intermediate School.

UPDATE: The May meeting location has been changed to Cecil Intermediate, due to the Field Day at NSIS

Minutes submitted by: Maureen Corwin