

## **FORUM meeting MINUTES**

Monday, August 28, 2018

Present: Francis Coccozza, Suzanna Bernd, Nora Buck, Susan Frost, Kathy Gentner, Maryann Gipson, Jan Loonan, Steve Preuss, Carmen Ross, Catherine Reid, Lindy Sicard, Roger Wells,

Absent: Forrest Perkett, Dylan Seale, Lauren Varney

Guest(s): Jeff Ziegler, Kemm Wilson

Meeting time: 10:07am - 11:11am      Facilitator(s): Roger Wells & Susan Frost

Timekeeper: F. Coccozza                      Minutes Taker: L. Sicard

### **New Member introductions and Welcome**

Suzanna Bernd will be our PTSO rep

Jeff Ziegler and Kemm Wilson will attend as part of the leadership team

### **Elected Co-Facilitators, Timekeeper, Minutes Taker**

No changes from last year

### **Reviewed role of FORUM**

Brief review by Fran for members. Plan to have this information put into a digital format and shared with all members prior to our next meeting.

### **Grade Level Brochures**

All were updated, printed and mailed in August to every student.

### **Senior Give Back Day:** Friday, September 14, 2018

We have heard back from most organizations on how many students that they can use and what their community service opportunities are. Organizations who have not yet responded will be contacted. Thursday, Aug. 30 will be the deadline.

Students will be able to sign up on Google classroom and Carmen will facilitate.

Steve will track out of the building students to make sure they are not skipped.

Lindy will work with Andy on transportation for the day.

Fran will ask for chaperones during staff dev. days. Senior teachers are the priority. Anyone chaperoning will be advised to secure a sub for the entire day.

Timeline for the day:

- ❖ Send off with the drumline (Amy will arrange)
- ❖ Seniors and chaperones to assemble in the cafeteria - Fran will give a general talk about expectations, etc.
- ❖ Board buses/vans
- ❖ Timing - 2 to 2-½ hours out of the building
- ❖ Return to school approx. 11:30. Have lunch in the cafe. LGEA will supply cake for the seniors (Brenda will arrange).
- ❖ Seniors and chaperones to library to fill out reflection form

Note: at 12:30 all seniors will go to the gym for the college caravan, followed by the pep rally

### **Rock Solid Committee Update**

Committee has worked with Rosemarie in guidance to fit Rock Solid into a rotating schedule. A/B days will be for the freshmen and C/D days will be for the Advisory Group. There are teacher volunteers for each group - RS Advisors. L9 refers to the Senior Leaders and the Freshmen group.

Collared shirts have arrived for the Senior Leaders and will be distributed. A list of Junior trainees has been established.

South Burlington has shared their SLAM handbook and it has been converted/updated for Rock Solid. This is a work in progress and adjustments will be made throughout the year to reflect the Rock Solid values, rules, etc.

At the class meeting for juniors on Monday, September 10th, a brief presentation will be made by the Rock Solid committee.

### **Diversity Club Committee**

Committee members: Sue Frost, Scott Smith, Sarah Olson and Trista Tallon

The committee is organizing a Cultural Conversation luncheon in the Alumni Room, with a target date of Sept. 20. They hope to have 5 or 6 International student workers, who have been working in the village over the summer, come in share their experiences with our students. There were also suggestions concerning inviting area exchange students if they need additional folks.

Committee members will also be explaining the Diversity Club to all students during the class meetings at the beginning of school.

The one-hour delay schedule in December is set aside for the Diversity Club. More details to follow.

Also note that the Diversity Club has been added to the club schedule on the third Friday of each month.

### **Assemblies for 2018-2019**

- ❖ **October 30, Tuesday** This morning assembly - Sweethearts and Heroes - is for grades 7-12, and will include breakout sessions, period 10 faculty session, and evening sessions for parents. More info will be shared soon.
- ❖ **February, 2019** Date and time TBD. This morning's assembly speaker is Michael Nearney, along with parent and FORUM member Lauren Varney. Grades 7-12 to attend followed by breakout sessions, period 10 faculty session, and evening

sessions for parents. The focus is Brain Development and the effect of outside substances on the brain. More info will be shared soon.

- ❖ **April 11, 2019, Thursday** Date/time are tentative. This assembly, sponsored by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and SADD will be presented by Brian Strommer. This assembly is for students 7-12 and the focus is on choices and the ripple effect of negative choices. More info will be shared soon.

### **September Agenda - possible items**

- ❖ FORUM umbrella - determine what items are annual, what items to revisit, etc.
- ❖ Discuss the one-hour delay schedules
- ❖ Goals discussion for FORUM for 2018-2019
- ❖ Discuss updating the Guideroom Handbook
- ❖ Strategic Plan - next steps