

FORUM meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Present: Suzanna Bernd, Nora Buck, Francis Coccozza, Susan Frost, Jan Loonan, Forrest Perrett, Steve Preuss, Catherine Reid, Carmen Ross, Dylan Seale, Lindy Sicard, Lauren Varney, Roger Wells

Guests: Bonnie Hart, Jeff Ziegler

Absent: Kathy Gentner, Maryann (Gipson) Dunbar

Meeting time: 2:40pm - 4pm Facilitator(s): Roger Wells & Susan Frost

Timekeeper: F. Coccozza/S. Preuss Minutes Taker: L. Sicard

- Bonnie presented on the next steps for the Strategic Plan
 - Still looking for updates from constituents (logging students involved with clubs). Roster information needs to be entered three times a year. [Click here](#) for spreadsheets.
 - Currently 62% of students are involved in fall/winter sports
- Diverse Learning Experiences. Note: teachers should continue to log
 - 9th grade - Islam performance
 - Sweethearts and Heroes - 7-12
 - Global: read aloud - refugees, goals
 - Hope for Haiti fundraiser - 7th Grade & 11/12 French. Hope to video-share with Haiti students/pen pals and have a guest speaker
 - Spanish classes - Spanish Dance - in-school field trip
 - Diversity Suggestions:
 - S. Bernd - consider speakers from different ethnicities.
 - C. Reid - possibly having Garrard Nelson return.
 - What about a large scale assembly message on diversity
- Types of Leadership items that should be included: Captains Council, Student Council, Rock Solid, FBLA, 7th grade bake sale for scholarship, 7&8 graders coordinating plans for Genius Week.
- Community Service should be logged as it occurs. i.e PTSO Holiday Fair

Diversity Club Committee

No report this month. We will need to have a committee chair replacement for Sue Frost who will be retiring in January.

Senior Give Back Day:

- Decide in the Spring when the football schedule is available if Senior Give Back Day will be in the fall as part of Homecoming, or a day the following spring.

Rock Solid Committee

No report this month.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

LGEA to hold an election - to fill Sue Frost's remaining FORUM term starting in January, 2019.
Term will run from January to June, 2019

Homework Club. Is this something that will be restarted? History of Homework Club: began with CST because an entire cohort was struggling. Disbanded when those students no longer were in school. Also had morphed into a social situation - now the Teen Center. Sending idea of Homework Club back to CST to discuss.

Student support systems once students leave the school. There is concern for former students who continue to need some sort of support after graduation.

How can we keep them connected to adults/or programs (this was just a discussion)

- Possibly create an area on our web page with a list of available assistance.
- Ann Snell - transition coordinator with CWI. Works with students with IEPs at SUNY
- Who is your adult - mainly for our seniors - provide them transitional resources and support ideas prior to graduation
- Who could be a liason for child care, counseling or obtaining a driver's licence

FORUM Goals for 2018-2019

- ❖ Goal: To review and discuss the list of items that FORUM has initiated or overseen in the past and make decisions to continue, revisit, table etc. **Completed** discussion at November 2018 meeting. [FORUM Umbrella](#)
- ❖ Goal: Senior Give Back Day. Held on September 14, 2018. **Completed** for this year. Discussion to resume on timing or other possible changes for next year.
- ❖ Goal: Brown Bag lunches. Committee members: Steve Preuss, Dylan Seale, Carmen Ross, and also ask Karen Breslin.
 - Need a sub-committee to determine grade levels, interest, compose a survey
 - Determine areas of student interest
 - Who will take the lead role
 - Schedule for Spring semester
 - Each grade level has google classroom - this can be used for doing the class survey to determine student feedback
 - Career Jam - was reported that this was mostly vocational so there will probably not be an overlap
- ❖ Goal: FORUM handbook: Maryann has original and shared digitally with members. FORUM needs to review over break and discuss updates in January with recommended changes. It will then go to constituents for their review.
- ❖ Goal: Guideroom handbook. [GR handbook](#). **Completed**. Sent to T. Sullivan for web posting.

- ❖ Goal: TA handbook [Resource Guide for Teaching Assistants](#). **Completed**. Sent to T. Sullivan for web posting.
- ❖ Goal: The Discipline Referral form. [Discipline Referral form](#) **Completed**.
- ❖ Goal: Cell phone policy (Electronic Communication Policy) - review [here](#). Final review by FORUM in ~~December~~. January
- ❖ Goal: Recommendation made for the one-hour delay days - survey students 'What are your interests before getting speakers'. Discuss if FORUM wants to pursue.
- ❖ Goal: FORUM will be the facilitators for arranging speakers for next year's assemblies, with the mindset of providing a sustainable message. After receiving faculty/staff and student feedback, it was decided that we would definitely invite Sweethearts and Heroes back. They have progressive programs that would mesh nicely with our Strategic Plan and Rock Solid. We will need to schedule a meeting with Tom to find the best fit for us. Can also talk to Fonda-Fultonville for their experience with programs they utilized. Year 2 could probably be about cyber-bullying, empathy, dealing with adversity, further developing of 13 pillars, or even a program for working with our elementary students. We will need to book this spring for next year.

Balance of Assemblies for 2018-2019

- ❖ **February 7, 2019, Thursday** 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.

January Agenda

- ❖ Discuss updates to the FORUM handbook
- ❖ Review Cell Phone policy
- ❖ Target dates for Brown Bag - subcommittee report
- ❖ Updates from ROCK SOLID

Constituent Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 11, 2018:

- Note: Constituents will receive minutes via email. Schedule does not allow time for meeting this month.
- Remind advisers to input rosters ([See the shared folder from Bonnie](#)). Also include input diversity happening in your classroom -learning experiences, Community Service and leadership
- Any questions or comments

Regular constituent feedback form for other items ([CLICK here](#)) **Feedback December 2018**