

## CSMS SAF MINUTES October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Attending:

Ian Murray, Amy Abreu, Carol Lustig, Stephanie Cutler, Darline Karbowski, Cheri Berardi, Donna Hartley, Jill DeFinis, Nadine Tomlinson, Jeane Toueg, Joanne Spanoudis, Marianne Feller, Kathy Duna, George Duna, Sonia Patino, Rohan Lawrence, Elith Lawrence, Alysa Abzug

Welcome Donna Hartley 8 pm

Approval of September Minutes with corrections, Carol Lustig

Guest Speaker: Tresha Fletcher, Positive School Culture Specialist.

### **“Parenting tips on handling peer pressure and bullying”**

- The Broward County School district offers various programs to deal with bullying.
- District’s Definition: “Bullying” means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees.
- The District’s policy does not only consequences bullying but also provides interventions to help both sides of the incidents.
- Bullying can be physical, verbal and mental.
- Most recent trend in bullying is cyber bullying.
- Bullying triangle: bully, target, and bystander.
- The District is focusing this year on addressing the bystanders.
- Students can report bullying incidents anonymously at SBBC space plus message to CRIMES or 274637.
- Further information and resources are available at [www.browardprevention.org](http://www.browardprevention.org)

### Coral Springs Parents City Meeting:

#### **Rachel’s Challenge**

The City of Coral Springs offers a \$2,500 grant to all Coral Springs schools each year.

CSMS has applied for this grant and Donna Hartley suggested we use the grant money to fund the Rachel’s challenge program to come to CSMS. The program actually costs \$3,800 but the CSMS PTA has offered to pay the difference.

Rachel’s challenge is a respect program that encourages kindness and compassion in school. It addresses not only students but teachers and parents. Rachel’s challenge is name for the first student victim of the Columbine High School tragedy who had dedicated herself to encourage kindness and compassion at her school.

A tentative date has been set up to have the program at CSMS on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**Addressing Violence.** Mayor Scott Brooks has schedule an informal meeting with Coral Springs parents to help stop the violence due to the recent events from a Taravella student.

### North Area Advisory:

- **2010-2011 School Calendar.** Despite the conflict between the FCAT testing period and the holidays in April, the school calendar has been approved as proposed.
- **H1N1.** CSMS has been scheduled to give free H1N1 flu shots on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 to all students who fill out the consent form that went home this week.
- **Brode Foundation Award.** Broward County School district received the \$250K award.

- **Harvest Drive reminder.** Collections will be accepted on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Stoneman Douglas. Gently used books and clothing have been added to the list of necessities they are looking to collect.
- **CSMS Food Pantry.** It is running very low this year and they would appreciate donations of non perishable food items. Dena Adler is in charge of the program and donations can be dropped off at the front office.
- **Grading Policy.** Discussions have started regarding considering making the lowest grade a student can get on a non returned homework assignment a 50 instead of the existing 0. The North Area would like parents' feedback on this topic. Please forward your feedback to Donna Hartley who will pass it on.

#### Principal's Report:

- **Incidents' report.** Only one major incident to report so far this year. A student was hit by a car outside the school during dismissal. This student is now back in school.
- **Honor Roll.** It will be scheduled some time in November.
- **Census.** Enrolment is at 1711 at CSMS.

#### New Business

- **Please email Donna Hartley for any topics you would like to see discussed in future SAF meetings at donna2010@att.net.**
- **SAF Bylaw Subcommittee.** It was formed with Cheri Berardi and Carol Lustig.
- **Barnes and Noble Book Fair Night.** It is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 7-9 pm. It will benefit the CSMS band program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 am