

## CSMS SAF MINUTES November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Attending:

Ian Murray, Stephanie Cutler, Darline Karbowski, Donna Hartley, Alysa Abzug, Marianne Feller, Jodi Klein, Cam Nguyen

Welcome Donna Hartley 7:05 pm

Approval of October Minutes Alysa Abzug

### North Area Advisory:

- **Safe Haven for Newborn:** the Fire Chief of Oakland Park made a presentation regarding this program that allows parents to drop off their newborn baby at any Broward County fire station or hospital anonymously with no legal action.
- **Silent Hurts program:** there was a presentation from the Special Investigation Unit for Broward County schools. This campaign focuses the attention on getting bystanders and/or anyone who has knowledge of possible upcoming dangerous situations in our school to speak up. There are several ways to report anonymously.
- **Stoneman Douglas Motion:** They wanted to create a pre-approved list of non-profit agencies that students could use for their volunteer hours. It would be one place where students can find out what qualifies. It was voted down as there is already Volunteer Broward who provides like services, and it would be too difficult to pre qualify all the volunteer jobs available in advance.
- **Westglades Motion:** They want the current high school policy that states that students who earn a B or better in a class are exempt from taking finals to be extended to middle school students who take high school level classes. This motion was approved and will be brought to DAC.
- **Motion to co-join middle and high school council:** the middle school council has been cancelled because of lack of attendance. High school council is still in place. By joining both middle and high school, information could be provided for both at one location. This motion passed and will be brought to DAC.
- **Code of Student Conduct:** The district wants to use the S.T.A.R System to create ID badges for students at the secondary level. The bar codes on the badges could be used to purchase lunch, rent library books, etc...Parents are asked to provide feedback on this idea. Email Donna Hartley.
- **Ipods and MP3 players during non-instructional time:** Teachers have brought forth a complaint that it creates a potential safety hazard in the school as students cannot hear. Some schools have been creative with defining non instructional time. Teachers are suggesting changing the existing policy. Parents at CSMS are opposed to the use of these devices during non-instructional time.
- **Work Back program:** The code currently allows students to work back after expulsion from school up to a third offense for possession, use or transmittal of banned substances and/or illegal drugs. This would allow students who demonstrate good behavior to come back to school earlier than originally planned. Part of the dilemma is what is considered "transmittal". Parents are asked to provide feedback. Email Donna Hartley.

### Principal's Report:

- **Honor Roll Assembly:** scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Barnes and Noble Night:** it was on November 20<sup>th</sup>. CSMS made \$100.
- **Buffalo's Night:** CSMS made \$400.
- **CSMS Pantry:** It is now full again, thanks to generous donations.

- **BAT 2:** students have taken the test. Scores should be on virtual counselor before the holiday break.
- **Safety:** CSMS had a lock down drill, it went well.
- **CSMS Dance:** It is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **CSMS Basketball teams:** both boys and girls are currently undefeated.
- **Go Green Plan:** CSMS won a copy machine through this program.
- **Magnet School:** there was a school presentation for students at CSMS.

#### New Business

- **SAF bylaws committee is going to meet this month.**
- **Moving SAF meetings to increase attendance:** one suggestion was to move the CSMS meeting to right after the PTA meeting.
- **Guest Speakers:** parents can review the list and give suggestions to Donna Hartley.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm