

## **CFA Minutes – April 1, 2014**

Meeting held in the JH Library. Guest speaker was Ms. Cambria from Guidance and Lieutenant David Sheehan on “Shed the Meds”.

In attendance: Nancy Israeli, Janice Farynick, Wendy DeSchutter, Dianne Breitstone, Kerith Freidberg, Ana Shammah, Mary Hooks, Mr. Matuk and @29 audience members

### **Speaker – Ms. Cambria from Guidance**

- We are pretty liberal about making schedule changes through the end of May. Mid June before everything stops. People who build it need to send it to the computer for iterations. The week before school, you can fill out a “Change form” and if it’s an error, they will be given priority. Second priority will be given to change requests. However, they will not honor teacher/friend requests.
- If your child is not recommended for accelerated classes, do not put them in. The teachers know what they are doing!
- Accelerated courses that were advanced courses are now going to be honors courses and will be multiplied by 1.1.
- Most colleges re-compute GPAs, e.g., University of Michigan doesn’t count 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Speaker – Lieutenant David Sheehan on “Shed the Meds”**

- We have a major drug problem in this country, i.e., marijuana, prescription drugs, heroin. Kids are naturally curious and its part of today’s youth culture. Peer pressure is worse today due to constant communication. It is harder today. The portion of the brain for consequences isn’t fully developed yet so they feel invincible.
- Drug Test – You have a right to ask your child to take the test. It is pretty accurate w/a positive. If you get a negative it can mean there wasn’t significant residue for a positive test. A negative doesn’t mean they are drug free and will be drug free. At 18 you legally cannot make them take a test.
- What grade do you need to watch your child? In Sonoma, CA, 8 and 9 year olds in a wealthy town were smoking pot.
- “Just Say No” is not really plausible. However, you can give your child an out. ...”my parents will test me and take everything away from me”.
- “Shed the Med” program. Your medicine cabinet is a child’s first drug experiment. Get rid of it. It used to be people would get rid of old pills in the toilet which resulted in a negative effect on marine life.
- What do police do with them? They incinerate them. Most precincts have drop-off boxes. They will take whatever you have with no questions asked. If you can’t get to a precinct, you can mix them with coffee grains and throw in the garbage.
- “Shed the Med” is on Saturday, 4/26 from 11:00 – 1:00 at the District Office.

### **President’s Report (N. Israeli)**

- Our new Board slate for next year is completed. Lorena Munyak will be new to the board as Secretary.
- Only 50% of parents are members of the CFA. If you have friends who are not part of the CFA, please tell them to join. It’s only \$25 and it’s all about the kids. PTGs are so active at the elementary schools. While the CFA doesn’t need to be as active it could be more.
- Connie/Laurel did a fantastic job chairing the Literary Luncheon. They raised over \$6,000 from raffles and the silent auction raised \$3,000. \$14,900 was made in total. This year’s luncheon had one of the largest numbers of people attending at 160.
- Yankee Doodle circus on 3/2 rose over \$1200 for the CFA. Should we do it again? Audience said yes. We haven’t given a gift to the school in a few years. Along with the Arts Booster Club, we will be giving a donation for a glass art gallery in the HS.

- By-laws will be posted on the CFA website so everyone can review them and they can be approved at the next meeting.
- We need CPC reps to attend meetings. Melissa Marischullo and Connie Goldman volunteered.

#### **VP Committees (W. DeSchutter)**

- The Staff Appreciation luncheon is on Wednesday, 4/30. We need help! An email blast will be sent asking for making food/beverage donations. Please drop-off by security desk in the morning. Eileen LaMendola is chairing.

#### **JH Report (D. Breitstone)**

- Friday, 4/4 is Dodgeball Night from 6:00 – 9:00 for JH and is \$10.00/person.

#### **Financial Report (A. Shammah)**

- We are in good shape. Some clubs are requesting their allotted money. We received a check from Valu Drugs for \$98.00.

#### **Education Foundation**

- 4/24 in Field House the Education Technology showcase including Robotics.

#### **Sit Committee**

- Applications due.