

CFA Minutes – May 1, 2014

Meeting held in the JH Library. Guest speaker was Dr. Wilansky and Dr. Bernahrd.

In attendance: Nancy Israeli, Janice Farynick, Wendy DeSchutter, Dianne Breitstone, Kerith Freidberg, Ana Shammah, Mary Hooks, Mr. Monastero and @5 audience members

Speaker – Dr. Bernhard

- Tax Levy increase is \$1.89% which is lowest in school history. This is below the tax cap of 2.5%. A couple of good reasons why are b/c we don't think we are going to get it next year, and we may need it. Our goal isn't to take away any progress. Everything is still in place. We are not taking any services away. A few things were added:
 - we are going to continue with the FLES program.
 - we are going to enhance security measures and make improvements in HS building. We are adding more cameras and add off duty police.
 - we are going to continue with five year district plan for improving technology.

Speaker – Dr. Wilansky

- Mrs. Bellino has brought the Reading/Writing program to the JH.
- The Independent Service Research program will continue. The Lab will be open during the summer. The Education Foundation purchased expensive equipment for the Lab.
- All of our electives are in place for next year. A new elective offered is Animation.
- We are offering some on-line opportunities next year. We are building it.
- At the Education Technology Showcase held in the Spring, the hit was the Robotics program. Next year we are offering a JH Robotics program.
- We are expanding the wellness initiatives.
- The JH library will become the JH lounge. Ms. Pickering's office will be moved to the JH lounge.
- The Budget vote is May 20th from 6:00 – 10:00.

JH Principal's Report (Mr. Monastero)

- JH orientation at Lloyd Harbor will be next week.
- The Unity Dance was moved to Monday 6/16 from 6:00 – 9:00.
- The Orientation BBQ will be held at the end of summer.
- The Learning Center is available during school and after school. It needs to be scheduled.
- Wellness Week is 6/1. "Healthy Decision Making" ...there are a lot of resources available...any aspect of wellness will be available. Goal is to communicate to adolescents that there are resources available to help with any wellness related issues. We hope to make it an annual event for raising awareness.

President's Report (N. Israeli)

- Approved new by-laws-- unanimous approval.
- CFA will meet the second Tuesday of the month next year.
- Arts Booster/CFA will donate a gift. We are enclosing students' Art in a glass showcase so it will be an Art Gallery outside of the conference room by the Guidance Offices.
- Thank you for all your support this year. The CFA monies have contributed to the following:
 - fund trips
 - fund school clubs
 - fund CAC – Library
 - Glass Art Gallery
 - refurbish Seahawks mascot
 - "Shed the Meds" presentation
 - Yankee Doodle Circus
 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
 - School Beautification