

FORUM meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Present: Francis Coccozza, Maryann Dunbar, Susan Frost, Jan Loonan, Steve Preuss, Dylan Seale, Lindy Sicard, Roger Wells

Absent: Suzanna Bernd, Nora Buck, Kathy Gentner, Forrest Perkett, Carmen Ross, Catherine Reid, Lauren Varney,

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

Timekeeper: F. Coccozza/S. Preuss

Minutes Taker: L. Sicard

Senior Give Back Day:

Debriefing meeting held with chaperones. Reviewed in November. [Click here.](#)

- Additional discussion about the timing of the day - is in the spring a better option?
- How soon will we be able to get next year's Homecoming football game schedule?

Rock Solid Committee

R/S Committee is attending the retreat at Chingachgook and will report in December.

Dylan reported that some students felt that 7th graders would be a better group to work with seniors, instead of 9th graders. (however we don't yet how many feel this way). The feeling was that many seniors and freshman already are acquainted and the 'getting to know you' type exercises weren't needed due to the existing familiarity. This feedback is being discussed with Rock Solid Team and they are in the development stages of a way to solicit further feedback from the 9th graders. (working with student council on this).

Diversity Club Committee

The December one-hour delay scheduled for December 20 has been canceled. The Diversity activity has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date.

FORUM possible Goals Discussion continued 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 - organize for spring with two general career/occupational themes. Need to work/coordinate with the guidance department. Dylan had previously suggested this be done for an entire grade.
- ❖ Goal: FORUM handbook needs to be reviewed/revised if necessary, put into digital form and shared with members. This should be finalized in December.
- ❖ Goal: Guidedroom handbook. Reviewed by constituents. [GR handbook.](#)

After a final review by FORUM in December it will be sent to Tara Sullivan/BOCES to post on the staff-only page of the website.

- ❖ Goal: TA handbook [Resource Guide for Teaching Assistants](#) Reviewed by constituents. After final review by FORUM in December it will be sent to Tara for posting.
- ❖ Goal: The Discipline Referral form. Reviewed by constituents with no changes to be made to form. [Discipline Referral form](#)
- ❖ Goal: Cell phone policy (Electronic Communication Policy) - review [here](#). Final review by FORUM in December.
- ❖ 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.

Reminder: Assemblies for 2018-2019

- ❖ **February, 2019** 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.

December Agenda

- ❖ Continue goals discussion for FORUM for 2018-2019, include constituent ideas
- ❖ Discuss updates to the FORUM handbook
- ❖ Strategic Plan - next steps

Constituent Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, November 27, 2018:

- Reviewed the FORUM umbrella/items were sorted by category. [Click here](#)
- Remind advisers to input rosters ([See the shared folder from Bonnie](#)). Also include diversity happening in your classroom -learning experiences, Community Service and leadership
- Anti-Bullying and Effective Schools to produce posters/graphics etc. related to Sweethearts and Heroes to keep the message alive around the building.
- What is the feedback from about Sweethearts and Heroes?
 - What did you think of them
 - What do you want to hear/Message
 - Should they be invited back
 - What message do you want to hear more of
 - Are you interested in follow up presentations that can be customized to our school? Some suggestions: cyberbullying, dealing w/adversity, leadership, empowering the bystander, empathy

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