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Academy Parent Council (APC) Meeting Notes: September 30, 2015

Meeting held at Gina & Liam O'Brien's home, Deerfield MA

Present: Phoebe Walker, Diane Bigelow, Katie Boyd, Penny Michalak, Bettie Zakon-Anderson, Jeanine Downie, Brian Bloomfield, Kathy Osborne, Martha Tirk, Marguerite Rancourt, Gina O'Brien, Liam O'Brien, Bea von Hagke, Patricia Donahue

I. Introductions. All grades represented. Review from parents how the year is going so far many great reports! Positive comments regarding new staff.

II. APC timetable & tasks for year: we reviewed a spreadsheet of the events and tasks planned for the year.

A. Auction

1. Still looking for donations in particular gift certificates for Hampshire County, "Great Gatherings". Phoebe will be sending out email to class parents to forward regarding gatherings.

2. Ideas presented were wine tasting events, wine raffle.

3. Parents were reminded this is a social event that relies on the parents participation-all are encouraged to bring friends, colleagues etc.

4. There are 2 more meetings planned before the big event

B. Pie Sale

1. Diane Bigelow is contact person. Ashfield Festival 10:00AM October 10,2015

2. Many pies have been promised

3. Parents encouraged to attend and/or bring in pies to school, Phoebe's porch or to event in Ashfield.

C. Fall Baseball field work-

1. Contact person-John Downie
2. Needs helpers for 2 hours on a Saturday
3. Spring cleanup will be moved to May 21 st instead of Memorial Day wknd

III. Update on Strategic Plan Process from Dr Bloomfield

- A. Long range plan committee currently meeting
- B. Intro for 8 th grade Science discussed
- C. Added a 7 th grade History
- D. Goal to create a 60 mo. plan to fix campus 1. Focus on trying to rejuvenate the old house
- E. Building an Internship program from Pioneer Valley to Brattleboro VT
- F. “Redo” health class curriculum IV. F Block suggestionsA.
+Diversity/Awareness trainings V.

Odds & Ends

- A. Looking for Pumpkin donations from local farmers for carving day
- B. Penny Michalak, Marguerite Rancourt, and Patricia Donohue volunteered to do “surprise” treats for staff appreciation-Thank you!
- C. Kathy Osborne volunteered to spearhead the staff appreciation lunch- Thank you!
- D. Book Sale this year- tabled for another meeting

Next meeting will be in January date TBD at Kathy Osborne’s house in Northampton