



Minutes of Community Council Meeting May 21, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. Elementary School

Meeting called to order by Denesia @ 8:30 a.m.

Literacy – Elissa & Sarah

- Looking for people as committee members, as well as someone to manage the Book Fair for the 2015-16 school year.
- The school's lending library is not accepting books until the fall.
- Lending library clean up happening now...Please reach out to co-chairs if you can assist.
- Elissa (elissajill@gmail.com) & Sarah (spancake@earthlink.net)

Gardening – Jessica

- Really productive day building the raised beds in the garden
- There's a new picnic table as well as an apple orchard with 8 young trees
- They are currently working out the summer schedule – it has to be decided if someone will be hired to maintain it or should they reach out to the CRCS community for volunteers

Advocacy – Jill & Minju

- The renewal hearing pushed back to June 15th (see email sent by Alli to the List serve)
- The NYS Governor's new provisions are out there but should not affect the upcoming renewal of the charter. One of these provisions speak to the diversity of charters. Should school leadership require our added support via letters/phone calls, CRCS will be notified.

FoCR (fundraising) - Melanie

- Big thank you to everyone for supporting Spring Fling! If you haven't picked up your items from Fling - please see Sandy in the office or email us. *Note from Sandy – there are no more items in the office. Please contact Lynsey Dow – lynseydow@gmail.com - if you are missing items.
- An additional \$3,500 has come in for auction items (for camp spots and class art work) raising the gross earned for Spring Fling to \$36,315!
- After expenses for putting on Fling, we are netting over 30K!!
- End of year fundraiser, CRCS School Spirit Night at Brooklyn Cyclones is Sat, June 20. Deadline to purchase tix is Thurs, May 28 evening. \$18 a tix - the more tickets we sell, the more CRCS gets backs (b/w \$2-\$4/tix). Fun end of year event, baseball, fireworks! Tickets can be purchased online on the Parent Portal on our website.
- Roller Skating is set for 1p on June 10th – Tickets links are posted on the Parent Portal NOTE: Funds raised support the 5th Grade class moving up/graduation celebration. We receive \$5 from every ticket - \$15 cost covers skate rental, skating, wrist guards and helmets.

Community Building – Nikki

- Volunteers needed for Carousel Potluck Picnic, June 12 @ 5:30pm, Prospect Park Carousel – you only need to dedicate time in ½ hour intervals. Link will be posted on our Parent Portal later today.

Class Parents – Urasia

- Reminder of the Roller Skating on June 10th (1/2 day for CRCS) to raise funds for graduation events
- Great thank you for TAW volunteers and parents, staff is completely grateful for the wonderful days of great eating!
- TAW @ the Middle School is Wednesday, May 27th. An email will be sent out to the MS parents.

Sandy –

***** CRCS Mandatory meeting for parents/guardians of K-5th Grade families is set for 6pm on June 9th. This will be held in the 1st floor Auditorium. If you require childcare, you MUST RSVP in order for school to have enough staff on hand. Sandy will re-send reminders with link, manual flyers have also been sent home.**

Q & A with Alli

- More CC meetings to be planned at the MS next year. Schedules will be developed during the summer of 2015 to make sure dates are not an issue during the school year.
- Options for next year – more sessions with parents and teachers meeting to have a casual session of mingling.
- Options for next year - Monthly class parent breakfast, where class parents can meet and suggest folks for needs of committees based on the parent body in a particular class. Phone calls, etc, may be part of this to rally parents
- Passing out clip boards to sign up folks for committees for next year – this may happen during times and places where CRCS can capitalize on attendance, i.e. curriculum night, parent teacher conference in November, Carousel party, etc.
- CRCS committees possibly looking into strategies in recruiting parents for committees – request those of a specific skill set needed in each committee; more mentorship; offer the opportunity to learn a new skill set.
- Passing the info along to new committee co-chairs – Online shared folders are being set up for each Committee to house all the information gathered from year to year so that work is not duplicative.

A parent asked if the trip permission slips be done for the year with lump sum anticipated expenses?

CRCS has a blanket permission slip done in the fall to cover walking trips, however, the permission slips begin sent home are to be considered as a call to attention for families that the trip being referenced in that slip required the use of transportation, whether public or chartered and will be outside of the walking boundaries.

Meeting ended 9:35 a.m.

Minutes taken by Denesia Stroom-Blair