

High School Council Meeting Minutes

For December 1, 2009

Students: James and Connor Davock., and Erin Espinosa

Teachers and Staff: Frank Hoek, Marcelle Foucre, Dot Pearl, Mr. Pearson

Parents: Sue Fasoli, June Miller and Sue Rorke

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5, 2009 at 3:30

Agenda: Student Seminars

- ◆ Banking – Frank Hoek spoke with Ann Sherry at the bank. She will present a Banking seminar on April 8 or 9 for 10th grade students. She also will present “Credit Basics” to the 12 grade on February 5.
- ◆ Interview Skills: June Miller spoke to Paul Rojee. He will speak with 11th grade students on Job Interview Skills in late April. June may suggest that Paul try to incorporate some mock interviews as part of his program. His number is 533-4400.
- ◆ College Interview Skills – Dot Pearl will add this topic to the 11th grade guidance presentations. Union College has some good tips on their website.
- ◆ Transition to College – Jimmy will set up a Facebook invitation to recent Medway High graduates for January 7.
- ◆ Transition to College – Dot will work on setting up a seminar given by College Administrators in March.
- ◆ The Driving Seminar is still under discussion.

Agenda: Other

- ◆ The Program of Studies should be ready for the January meeting. Although additional Health and Art (among others) electives are desirable, the expected budget may not allow more of these classes. Also, enrollment is starting to drop – next year is anticipated to have 25 fewer students. Engineering is one area that could get additional classes – the new classes offered this year are supposed to be the start of a larger program.
- ◆ Sue asked about adding assembly information to the school calendar on the website. This can probably be done. Other council members are interested in the daily announcements being posted. Mr. Pearson indicated that the current website does not have an easy way to provide a large amount of daily information. A new email system should be rolled out soon, and that may have a way to offer daily announcements, but probably not. No one is currently assigned to any tasks like this.

Agenda: 21st Century Skills

Mr. Pearson plans to show the council the movie “2 Million Minutes” at the January meeting. He also handed out an article “Focusing the Digital Brain” by Marilee Sprenger. The article talks about possible future issues for students from today’s new ways of communicating, and suggests strategies for making sure all the bases are covered. The goal is to balance technology, relationships and focused attention skills.