



Sage Ridge School
College Preparatory Excellence

MS PAC Meeting November 10, 2010

Members present: Sarah Stevenson; Ruth Adams; George Olesinski; Eric Novak; Ilana Rugg; Ann Marie Craddock; Keri Newberg; Colburn Shindell; Michelle Gallivan; Megan Ward

Minutes taken by: Amber Hodges

Meeting began at: 6:04

Meeting adjourned at: 7:10

| Agenda Items | Discussion Points | Action Items |
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| 1. Head Master Search Update | <p>As of right now there are two, possibly three candidates being considered for the Headmaster position. Two of the candidates will be on campus for three days during the week of November 29th.</p> <p>Both MS and US PAC will have an evening with each candidate, and will have the opportunity to ask questions that are relevant to each division.</p> <p>The entire student body as well as the parent community will also get an evening with each candidate.</p> <p>The new Headmaster should be announced by the end of this semester.</p> | <p>Colburn to send Sarah a list of sample questions from previous Head searches. Sarah will then distribute those sample questions to members of the PAC.</p> |
| 2. Annual Fund Update/Questions | <p>The Annual fund funds the Extracurricular, Theatre, and Art Departments.</p> <p>Parent participation is a vital component to the success of the Annual Fund.</p> <p>Parents would like the communication regarding the differences between the Annual Fund and the Gala to be clearer because some parents are unsure about the purpose of each organization.</p> | |
| 3. 7th /8th Grade Extracurricular Requirements | <p>A policy is currently being drafted to discuss this issue.</p> | |

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| <p>4. Open School Day - Potential Distraction</p> | <p>The purpose of Open School Days is to improve the overall advancement and enhancement of Sage Ridge School.</p> <p>Current parents, perspective parents, and community leaders have been invited onto campus to observe classes during Open School Days.</p> <p>We have not had a huge response to the invitations; however, Sage Ridge is working with different media outlets to get the message to the outside community.</p> | |
| <p>5. Teaching Controversial Issues</p> | <p>Some parents in the past have had concerns regarding topics that a guest speaker had presented to students.</p> <p>Before a guest speaker is invited onto campus, the Calendar Committee meets to discuss the qualifications of that speaker, what topics he or she plan to discuss, and if the topic is age appropriate.</p> <p>If a parent has any questions regarding a speaker or topic, he or she is more than welcomed to meet with Colburn and address their concerns with him.</p> | |
| <p>6. 6th Grade Interactions</p> | <p>The 6th grade students rotate with the same students for most of their classes with the exception of P.E., and Music.</p> <p>The students are also able to interact with each other during study hall and clubs.</p> <p>This system helps transition the students from 5th grade, and prepares them for the 7th grade.</p> | |
| <p>7. Edline Updates</p> | <p>Teachers update the students grades on Edline every Monday.</p> <p>If parents have questions regarding their students grades, they are encouraged to contact the school.</p> | |

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