

## CAC Minutes – February 25, 2008

### **Next CAC meeting: Monday, March 17 at the Board of Education Building 7:30.**

Please advise Garn Anderson, Christie Wiedt, or Gina Wittenberg in advance if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Attendees (11): Garn Anderson (presiding), Dr. Dan Keenan (Superintendent), Carol Winter (Board of Education), Chris Bauer, Judy Friedman, , Jayne Hoon, Cecilia Steinman, Christie Wiedt, Gina Wittenberg, Karen Seawall, , Richard Helzel

#### Absent with notice:

Sandra Hazners, Jim Matousek, John Doucette, Alex Pandrangi, Dan Walsh

#### Absent without notice:

Troy Miller, Samantha Hall

#### Guests:

Adam Smith, James DiBiasio – WHS Leadership Challenge

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Garn Anderson at 7:45 p.m.

#### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of the Leadership Challenge presentation. The motion was made by Rich Helzel and seconded by Judy Friedman.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Jan meeting minutes were approved. The motion was made by Karen Seawall and seconded by Christie Weidt.

#### WHS Leadership Challenge Presentation (Adam Smith, James DiBiasio)

- Several WHS students attended a Diversity Forum held at Lakeridge Academy in October. The presentation was on the human rights abuses in DARFUR.
- Under the direction of Kathy McGinty, WHS students have formed a local STAND (Students Take Action Now – Darfur) chapter.
- The group organized a benefit concert in January at the PAC. Four bands performed and \$1000 was raised. The money has been donated to Doctors without Borders.

#### Superintendent's Report by Dr. Dan Keenan

- The district has been awarded several grants – STEM grant of \$550K for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 2 Best Buy grants (10K to Kathy Bates in support of pod casts for the elementary schools and \$2K to Scott Kutz for design classes at WHS), \$2700 to Mimi Verdone and Mary Beth Opron at Parkside in support of a Chinese culture and language program.
- The Community 411 program on the recent drug events was well-attended and well-received. The WPC and the PTAs have pledged their support to combat this issue throughout the community.
- National beef recall – several cases of meat to be disposed of due to remote possibility of problem.
- ALERT NOW system to be tested in March. Can deliver emergency and school closing info to phone. Can add email and text messaging capability in the future.
- A committee has been formed to conduct a district-wide facilities review in order to produce a long-term facilities plan.
- A memorandum of understanding defining lease terms and funding deadlines has been signed with the Red Brick Center for the Arts group.

#### Board of Education Report by Carol Winter

- Kudos to the administration for the thoughtful and timely response to the community concerning the recent drug events.

- Board approved location changes for several board meetings. (3/31 @ Parkside, 4/28 @ LBMS). Meetings begin at 5:00 pm with a facility tour. Venue change was made to increase meeting attendance by the community and to give individual schools an opportunity to showcase some of their programs.
- District treasurer, Mark Pepera, presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr financial update at last meeting. Outlook is good – still on track to maintain promises made during the levy campaign.

#### Chamber of Commerce Report (Garn for John Doucette)

- Due to work commitments, John Doucette has resigned from the CAC. He will be missed.

#### 2007/2008 Projects

- Feedback Process (Complete)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - Committee is prepared to present at the next CAC meeting.
- Gifted/Honors/AP – (Jayne)
  - Group continues to do research.
- Funding Alternatives – (Troy)
  - No report
- Regular & Extended Field Trips/Volunteer Coaches/Advisors (Christie)
  - No updates
- Communications (Gina)
  - Survey complete – about 200 responses.

#### Old Business

- Garn is reaching out to the PTAs for potential new members.
- CAC By-Law Review
  - Plan to review By-Laws updates at March meeting. (attached)
  - Plan to vote for acceptance at April meeting.

#### Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Helzel and seconded by Cecilia Stienman . The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Gina Wittenberg

Corrections/missing items/amendments may be made during the next meeting as needed.