

CMS SBMT

Meeting Minutes

2/26/19

Committee Members

AnnMarie Ferreri, Elias Stavriandis, Evelyn Càrdenas, Holly Tobias, Jennifer Fein, Jessica Panos, Lauren Echauri, Melissa Vaughn, Michael Larson, Rachel O'Boyle, Dr. Randie Taylor, Richard Martin, Vicki Ragavanis

1. Meeting Opening:

- The meeting began promptly at 3:05 PM. Minutes were recorded by Lauren Echauri. Minutes from the 1/29/19 meeting were approved as written.

2. Building Happenings/Upcoming Events:

- Mr. Larson addressed the committee. Upcoming CMS building happenings are as follows:
 - February 14th - Music teachers and their students visited United Cerebral Palsy (UCP). Students preformed musical selections.
 - February 25th - 6th grade students had a Skype session with Rodman Philbrick, the author of "Freak the Mighty". Students had the opportunity to ask questions to the author.
 - February 25th - March 1st - **Nutrition Week:** promoted heathy eating habits and served a healthy menu in the cafeteria.
 - **March 6th - Angst** will be taking place at CHS. It is a presentation given by the counseling center designed to raise awareness around anxiety and to help people understand the symptoms of anxiety. This event is open to middle school parents, and high school parents and students.
 - **March 7th - International Culture and Cuisine Night:** Ms. Càrdenas explained that this event will be held at CMS from 6:00-8:00pm to celebrate cultural traditions and languages around our school. Families will be donating food and students have the opportunity to do crafts and participate in games to celebrate a variety of cultures.
 - **March 15th - 8th Grade Gold and White Night:** Students compete in a variety of games/sports. This event will be held in the CMS gymnasium.

- **March 18th - 22nd - Disabilities Awareness Week:**
 - 6th grade presentation - Helen Keller
 - 7th grade presentation - “Taking the ‘dis’ out of Disability”
 - 8th grade presentation - Rohan Murphy, an amputee

- **March 23rd & 24th - CMS Musical of The Wizard Of Oz**

3. Butterflies For Dana Fundraiser:

- Ms. Càrdenas shared that butterflies were sold during lunch periods. The “Pay It Forward” club helped sell the butterflies. Students wrote messages on the butterflies for Dana. The butterflies are displayed in the main lobby.
- Students raised \$200 and donated it to the Brain/Trauma Foundation.
- Dana’s family will be presented with a \$10,000 check.
- In March, Dana’s mother is going to be honored at her school. She is an art teacher.

4. LGBTQ Curriculum/Opt Out:

- Mr. Larson and Ms. Panos addressed the group regarding opt-out opportunities in health classes.
- A committee member raised the issue of a parent stating that their child felt uncomfortable in their health class regarding sensitive topics.
- Mr. Larson explained that there is no “formal” opt-out opportunity, but as always, staff will work with students who are uncomfortable with topics discussed in *any* classes.
- Mr. Larson explained that there is an “Owning Up” program for 8th grade students. School psychologists push into health classes and present students with topics such as LGBTQ, digital footprint, gender norming, etc.
- The district’s K-12 Committee is working on discussing where the line of developmentally appropriate topics/curriculum exists regarding the LGBTQ community.
- Further discussion of an “opt-out” opportunity in health classes will be further discussed at next month’s meeting.

5. Conclusion

- Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Reminders:

Meeting Date	Minutes Recorded By	Meeting Date	Minutes Recorded By
09/25/18	Mr. Larson	02/26/19	Mrs. Echauri
10/30/18	Mrs. Fein	03/26/19	Mrs. Tobias
11/27/18	Dr. Taylor	04/30/19	Mr. Stavrinadis
01/29/19	Mrs. Ferreri	05/28/19	TBD (<i>Mrs. Vaughn or Mrs. O'Boyle</i>)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Echauri