

Upper School PA Parent Rep Meeting Notes
Monday Jan 14, 2019

In attendance: Kevin Campbell, Mimi Griswold, Cara Walther, Andrea Cookston,
Laura Morawitz, Maureen Ott, Annie Kaiser, Sarah Spoor, Julie LaFleur

UPDATE FROM KEVIN CAMPBELL, US HEAD

School Dances- Kevin is working with the Student Senate to determine the best way to move forward with school dances, as during the Winter Formal there was a mass exodus around 9:30-9:45. Kevin and the Student Senate are looking ahead to prom to make changes to ensure the kids stay for the entire dance. Changing the start and end times is being considered.

Winter Trips- many new options this year. This is a great addition to CS. Kevin will not be traveling during winter trips, rather, he will be on campus mitigating anything that may need his attention. All the trips are running...Portland Service Learning, College Counseling and NYC all being new. In the years past all the winter trips were not filled, now they are. A suggestion was made to add a Wash DC trip.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences- Please sign-up for conferences. Dates are Mon and Tuesday Jan 28 and 29. Kevin is considering moving conferences to the fall term next year.

Martin Luther King Weekend is this coming weekend, no school on Jan 21st. Snow is in the forecast for the valley.

Teacher Issues-Kevin has been meeting with families personally to discuss issues with teachers.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS WITH KEVIN

After School Programming- Many families are asking why the after school programs are not mandatory. This is being considered, that is, making these classes a graduation requirement. Perhaps 8 activities spread out over 4 years. Tracking this kind of thing is tricky. The skier to non-skier ratio is almost 50-50 (82 SVSA to 87 non-SVSA).

Blaine County School District is revising their athletic "cut" policy..... if players need to be cut from an athletic roster, the non-attending BCSD kids will be the first to go. That is Sage, SVCS and home school kids. Apparently this has always been on the books, it is now being enforced.

GRADE REPORTS

9th- no responses from parents for feedback. All seems good.

10th- winter formal will be looked at to make changes to future years...changing time to 8pm-10pm, getting a new DJ.

11th-Graduation Planning Committee will be created as the time draws nearer.

12th- The Argyros Performing Arts Center has been secured for prom (May 11).
Laura and Katrina have started to create a planning committee.

US PA REPORT

US Giving was a success over the holidays. Each of the 41 teachers/staff were given \$115, the 9 dorm staff received \$60 each. Due to email issues some families received the giving email and some did not. Because of this Julie's private Venmo account was used. For those who were familiar with Venmo this was a breeze and made giving very very easy. Venmo charges are paid by the giver, not the receiver. Should we use Venmo again next year?....most likely yes. Creating a SVCS PA account would make a cleaner and easier giving process. Next year perhaps ask the room parents to send-out the giving email (rather than Mary). Kevin appreciated the equitable way the US does their Holiday Giving Program.