

Broadneck High School
PTSO minutes
January 4, 2011

In Attendance: David Smith, Rob Baicar, Alice Willison, Cori Dykman, Genevieve Cartwright, Mrs. Graham, Doug Anna, Stacie Miller, Christie Folderauer, Susan Derksen, Ann Powell

Mrs. Graham talked:

\$1000 grant for youth suicide training for youth and parents, partnering with middle school. QPR training which is outlined in a book that they use in the training. All staff will be trained on the QPR on January 24th. They want to train parents on this and need about 30 parents. Many of the parents in the room signed up for this. The school will also let the music booster and athletic parents know. They can have more than one session if need be. They have substance abuse training also for students and parents and get parents and students to come to that.

Feedback and suggestions from PTSO welcomed. Diane Crowley agreed to help do the training at Broadneck. Parents will just hear the presentation and get people to recognize signs that someone would be suicidal. The program is not aimed at students. Kids are being taught some of this information in health class. Over the 2 days that teachers have for development they will learn this and be more aware of this. They can speak to the students and put them in touch with the right people and tell kids that they need to get their friends to seek help. Kids in distress can talk to the counselors.

Health is taken in 10th grade and therefore is not covered in other grades. Convey to kids that they are important and that people care about them; build a culture in the institution so that they feel better. The people that have the problem are not reaching out and the kids are isolated emotionally. Lots of people in this building were people in distress. There are so many factors that affect the kids because kids are cruel to each other whether they are gay, unattractive, different, etc. County police used to go to the HS around prom time and have recovering alcoholics tell their stories and the kids are more receptive. There is therapeutic value of one addict helping another is the best way.

Poster contest put throughout the school. If kids see things in public places it heightens awareness. As a PTSO we are the connection between the parents and the school and we should help with more than the money for a poster contest. Distribute this information, put it on the website. Enhance the everyday culture in the school and community. They are looking at the end of March for the parent training and March 23rd for the student training.

President's Report - Rob

- Nothing

Treasurer's Report – Alice

- Nothing has happened in the last month.
- \$1400 in checking and 12K in investors deposit funds.
- Continue to get e-script money, although they don't know where it is from.
- Received driver's ed. money of \$960. which helps through Easy Method.

Membership: Stacie - Nothing

Vice President: Doug - Nothing

Administrator's Report: Dr Smith

Cluster meeting about classes to take and the implications of course selections throughout high school. They would be on track for more accelerated classes. The counselors are not aware of the effects of these decisions. Have parents look more long term in the classes to nudge them forward. Move in to an advanced level and wants kids who aren't so accelerated to try higher classes. Understand the implications of course selection. Middle school uses team approach and kids are with peers in higher levels or not. Four – 5 teachers are moved into the addition. Moving math and health room and trying to make another tech ed. room.

Fundraising: Bobbi: - not present

Meeting adjourned 8:05
Next Meeting is February ---- 4th @ 7:00