



Notes from the Coffee w/ Admin on Monday, 11/17. Mr. Smith and Ms. Naomi were in attendance.

A parent had some questions about the 5/6 grade camping trips. Ms. Naomi noted the dates for the Warren Dunes Trips are May 19-21 and May 27-29. Which 2 5/6 classes go when is TBD.

There is now a permanent IA in each of the four 5/6 classes: Mr. Johnson/Hershiser, Mr. Gass/Stefans, Mr. Freeman/Scott, Ms. Turner/Siwy. The administration is looking to hire 1 more IA for the 7/8 gradeband.

Some discussion was had about Community Outreach ideas and the possibility of incorporating elements of the camping trips into an event at the school, with tent set-up demos, Hobo Pockets and a campfire, etc. An event like this might be considered for August.

A parent requested that the school send out earlier confirmation regarding a date for the 2015/16 5th grade Orientation and 5/6 Lock-In. This was followed up with a request from other parents to receive the 2015-16 school calendar sooner than it has been distributed in recent years.

A parent noted they liked the 2pm meeting time, however, there were only 3 parents in attendance (5 including the 2 PSO members). Moving forward, an RSVP will be set up for the Coffee w/Admin and if at least 5 parents do not sign up, the event will be cancelled.

One more Town Hall will be planned for the spring, and the PSO/Administration will look into arranging child care so parents may attend.

There was some frustration expressed over the inconsistent policy for how the school charges various groups for room use - a request was made for this policy to be reviewed and possibly restructured.

Parents expresses continued frustration about the continued delay of the new school website, the administration has promised it will be live by Thanksgiving. Concerning the website, questions were asked about if/how teachers will be monitored for complying with a timeline for updates/information and whether someone will be checking for consistency. Also questioned was if the teachers will be given an instructional session on how to use/update their new webpages.

A parent voiced concerns over the breakdown in the school's relationship with the farm, noting that for many families the connection to the farm was part of the reason they came to PCCS in the first place. Ms. Naomi said some conversations with the farm have begun about redefining the school's relationship with the farm. Ms. Naomi also noted that currently the Kindergarten Egg Collection activity at the farm is arranged via chickens owned by Sandhill CSA.

A parent asked if the school does field trips to other local farms and it was noted that yes, the Kindergarteners go to Wagner and Kroll farms.

There was some discussion about trying to put together a PCCS Farm To Table Recipe book, and if not a Farm to Table specific book, than a PCCS Community Recipe book. Apparently this project was attempted before and did not get traction, but if someone wished to spearhead the project the administration and PSO would be willing to renew the conversation.

Wrapped up with some talk about the colder weather and the fact that despite the chill, parents need to remember to turn off their cars when waiting in car pool - NO IDLING PLEASE!

Discussion led to possibly adding PCCS themed blankets to the Spirit Wear shop.

Coffee w/ Admin dates for the rest of the school year have been set as follows:

1/12 8-9 am

2/3 2-3 pm

3/9 8-9 am

4/13 2-3 pm

6/1 11:30-12:30 (lunch)