

Culture & Climate Committee Meeting Notes

March 4, 2021

3:20 pm room 304

Members Present: Lisa Sletto, Michelle Stamper, Lauren Steltenkamp, Janelle Hawes, Erin Pleiman, Dawn Norris, Julie Rash

I. Staff Morale events

A. Review of previous events from this past year

November-Thanksgiving/gratitude tree (E. McBride and J. Hawes)

December - Secret Santa (A. Taphouse) 15 participated

January - Door decorating (E. McBride) after reflection it was decided to wait on this activity until the start of school next year

February - Valentine Candy Count (E. Pleiman) 50 participated; we'll do a final round in April.

B. Events for the remainder of the school year

March - March Madness/Beechwood Edition competition (M. Stamper and L.Sletto)
- a new format that includes local charities; send ideas for charities to M. Stamper

April-Beach/vacation/tropical theme ideas (E. Verdugo and D. Norris) - ideas include fun music at lunch

May-Derby Design (J. Hawes and J. Rash); tentative

End of School-Field Day - some funds provided by PTSA

Suggested format:

- May 10th, from 1-3:15 pm?; adjusted schedule so that all classes meet; ONLY grades 9-12; this will need to occur on LOWER FIELD
- May 17th, from 9-12; Early dismissal @ 1 pm; grade level activities for grades 7-11 on Upper field, tennis courts, barn, one gym; first hour all students rotate through classes to say goodbye
- Suggestions
 - Sponge water games
 - Parachute

II. Student Morale events

- A. Student council members gave feedback and suggestions to help build morale for students through the end of the school year and the start of next school year.
 - a. Nora Middendorf came to speak to the committee. Student Advisory suggested doing the Expectations google slides every month. J. Rash suggested Student Council make posters to reinforce expectations. N. Middendorf suggested a “Beach” theme week for April.

III. Community

- A. New suggestions

- Finding ways to get SEL news and info out to parents and community

IV. Meeting dates for the remainder of the school year

- First Thursday of the month (April 1, May 6) at 3:20

Next meeting: April 1 at 3:20 in Room 304 or Google Meet (if necessary)