

**Cumberland Regional High School District
Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2010**

Attendance – Robin Freitag, Melissa Kiessling, Andrea Kuhar, Susan Romeo-Malestein, Kelli Manski, Laurie McMahon, Kimberly Murphy, Carla Plummer

Mr. Stonis addressed the need to alter the school schedule because of the snow storm before Christmas. Graduation as of today will be June 22, 2010. Mr. Stonis explained that if there were any other snow days the Easter break would be shortened.

Freshman Seminar Program – Mr. Terence Johnson and Mr. Greg McGraw presented a power point presentation on the new Freshman Seminar program.

Professional Development Survey – Mr. Stonis had the members of Citizen’s Advisory fill out a survey about what items they felt were beneficial to professional development.

Student Email accounts – Mr. Tony Ricciuti spoke about student email accounts. Product-Live @Edu platform using Outlook live

Every student has a CRHS email account. They will have 25 GB storage space. Students will be able to share and move projects to and from school. Within the Next 3 weeks students will changes their password and log in. Mr. Ricciuti spoke about the new website and explained about the lists that parents can subscribe to. (Ex. Booster Club information - parents will be notified when events are happening.)

Students Safety Survey – Mr. Johnson reviewed the results of the student safety survey.

During 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years the administration conducted a “student School safety Survey” with approximately 135 random male and female students from all 4 grade levels. The purpose was to gather data to develop a better understanding on “How safe students feel at school throughout the day”.

Mr. Stonis commended the administration and teachers. They all participated in the focus groups to try and help the students.

Referendum - Please go out and vote!!!

Colt Club – Mr. Stonis spoke about an idea to formulate a club to recognize those students who go through the entire year achieving all “A’s” and in addition all “A’s” throughout their entire high school career.

GED program - Mr. Stonis questioned whether there is any interest in a GED program

Family Education Nights – Mr. Stonis spoke about starting a parent’s night to address homework issues. (Ex. - Math)

Homework Hotline – Mr. Stonis suggested opening the media center offering help for homework. They would staff it with honor society students and possibly have a telephone line available for students. In addition, students would be able to call in, ask questions via the computer for help.

Budget – The finance committee would like to set up nights to go over the budget. They would invite the CREA and an email would go out to CAM members asking for volunteers. The Governor will address the budget issues March 16, 2010. The budgets will be due 4 days later. Thursday January 28th the Board of education will have a conversation about the budget.

Outgoing Commission of Education, Mrs. Davey ordered a feasibility study. CRHS was one of the schools targeted and turned over to the County Superintendent .by Friday January 29th. These schools will then be submitted to the state.

Public Concerns:

1. Question about how 8th graders register.
There will be 2 nights for parents and 8th graders to take a tour of the school and register for next year. The student council representatives will give an explanation of the courses offered by CRHS. The assistant V.P.'s and principal will be assisting with the presentation. There will also be an introduction to the clubs. The Colt Connection will also be present.
2. How about having a template for freshman picking classes?
Mr. Mitchell explained that it is in a sense what we use.
3. Mr. Vannella will be visiting districts the 2nd week in February with high school students from the respective districts.
4. Exams will be February 3rd and 4th.
5. Bus service – Do buses actually stop at each stop when children are not standing there? Mr. Mitchell said if you have any specific bus questions please call him directly.

The next CAC meeting will be February 22, 2010