

2/26/08 LA FPC 4:00 p.m., Library

Public Relations committee

Ms. MacEgan

There was a public relations meeting about current HS events for publishing. Local papers – Western Elbert County Sun, Ranchland News, Elbert County News. Now is the time to create a good impression - when people are thinking about changing schools.

Internal relations

Student council, Ms. Peterson, PR committee - need to have a dialog with more teachers. Need a way to elicit ES teacher anonymous feedback about HS.

Ms. Anthony had a meeting with teachers. Talked about improving perceptions, improving HS curriculum.

Michelle

If we're to become a K-12 school, we're not one yet, we need to have better communication. We're tiptoeing around the elephant in the living room. HS students want to see the HS succeed.

Ms. Borden

The pool of 8<sup>th</sup> graders is a good place to start building the HS. Not sure HS students understand the impact of badmouthing the HS to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They don't understand enrollment and revenue linkage.

Mr. Anthony

Student Council Committee is the place to fix HS.

Ms. Peterson

Has ideas for getting HS students and teachers to take ownership of the HS PR issue, need creative ways to address it, and have students implement their solutions.

Michelle

Parents should present to parents. Students and teachers present to the school (staff).

Issue

Sharing specials (music, art, p.e.) schedule conflicts spilling over into MS and ES.

HS gets priority due to graduation requirement.

Ms. Hannigan

HS schedule is done first, then MS, then ES. Kiowa schedule looks a lot like ours, like Hugo's.

Is the HS/MS schedule conflict due to teacher availability or facility scarcity? If other schools manage schedule conflicts with few teachers, can one rule out a teacher availability problem? Doesn't it have to then be a facility availability issue?

Survey about HS, – short and sweet, targeted to?

Ms. Hannigan

Heard that ES teachers can be intimidated by HS students.  
These adults are not used to working with teenagers as a group.

Ms. Borden

HS student behavior is a parent problem.

Perhaps the entire school community needs a few lessons about how to handle themselves in crowded situations.

Ms. Peterson

Create situations for multiple age groups to personally interact.

ES students also have an attitude toward HS students. Michelle – there's a negative aura in the school. It won't be a quick fix.

Question posed to Ms. Hannigan

Can't the teachers be directed by administration to integrate the school and the students across age groups?

Not answered.

General kumbaya discussion. Student email, texting, direct contact, not sure context of this.

Social committee discussion.

Blue sky ideas about HS social events. Borden wants dad's involved. Money collecting/holding needs work.

Teacher committee

Ms. Acosta

Electives vs. core classes. Closest college is Rampart Range (South on 83), branch of Pikes Peak Community College. 1<sup>st</sup>, a placement test to become eligible for college credit. General aptitude for various subjects. Discussion of some logistics. Need a core student group to make it work (?).

Ms. Hannigan

Parents could pay up front and then LA could reimburse on a "C" or better grade.

Michelle

Reality is it will be a small group of students. Pike's Peak professionals will facilitate planning.

Mr. Bleich

Teleconferencing possibility?

Can we get a pro-forma schedule solution from Pike's Peak to see what one would look like?

Michelle and Mr. Borden (student) not fans of on-line courses. On-line ed is a fact of life, and a growing one.

LA currently uses "Colorado On-line Academy" Need a good computer. Why can't we use currently idle laptops? See site for course offerings and schedule.

Current exit survey results?

Will more on-line classes save (keep at LA) some currently potential student losses? Probably not.

C. Borden (HS student)

We have a lack of class choices and students are treated like they're in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Discussion of electives, full vs. part time, funding confusion, teleconferencing, distance learning, Michelle and Mr. Anthony to look into providers and required computer tech.

Teacher support committee discussion. Volunteer organization of room parents for high school.

Ms. Ball

2 large classes of 7<sup>th</sup> graders coming up, what is FPC role for MS issues? Need to focus more on math and science. STEM school.

Bleich

STEM works well in an urban area. Need a large population to support an engineering cohort.

Ms. Hannigan

We can offer pre-calc next year. We can build incrementally and move in the right direction.

LA HS needs differentiation and a market niche.

Facility committee

Nada

Next meeting. Some evening, TBA.

Adjourned 6:00 p.m.