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11/16/16

Present: Tanner Smith, Robin Jackson, Aaron Celmer, Renee Jolley-Spaletta, and Suzie Garman.

Absent: Lisa Richardson, Seth Kitchens

Agenda:

- Conferences – "Progress & Pizza" – Committee discusses options
 - Should we offer food as we do? – It is an incentive option for greater attendance.
 - Arena Style – No privacy
 - Classroom Style – Have to run from room to room.

IV will offer a free dinner of pizza and salad, Arena Style conferences on Thursday, and Classroom Style conferences on Friday.

"F" List – Tanner discusses what we call the 'F' List and how we are working to change the culture in the building.

Conferences/Communication – Committee discusses all the options of communication to parents for conferences, newsletters, emails, etc. Consensus is...as much and as many times/ways as possible.

'Remind' – Do we still use this communication tool? – 'Remind' is a free communication platform built for teachers. It allows teachers to safely and efficiently communicate with students & parents about important classroom information and school activities.

Participants sign up as a student or parent and choose to receive messages by text, email, or in our app. We know that privacy and security are important issues when dealing with teacher-to-student and teacher-to-parent communication. We have worked hand in hand with administrators and teachers to design key product features based on those concerns.

Tanner will re-launch with an email and phone message.

Updates:

- Landscaping –
 - Bushes have been removed.
 - Extra IVHS sign has been relocated to back of school.
 - The front of the gym has been re-barked.
 - Abbey Jolley has donated trees to plant around the school and her father is an Arborist who is willing to come up and make sure things are planted correctly.
 - Bob White is willing to come up and re-dig a ditch to alleviate some of the swampy area in the front of the school. We need to do a 'locate' of any buried cables first.
 - Tanner suggests possibly using students during 'Cougar Time' for the school beautification projects and let them earn 'Community Service Hours.'
 - Our CTE program is working on new benches for around the school.
 - Work of updating the school entry has begun.
 - We have begun weeding out old trophies.
 - We have created areas to display and celebrate 'Principal Student of the Month', and 'Athlete of the Month.'
 - We have plans in the works to display 'canvas' type photos of students participating in activities on the wall across from the main trophy case.
- Goal – 'Bring Back Cougar Pride' –
 - Mr. Smith has a vision to make IVHS a community hub.
 - He would like to bring back activities such as:
 - Family fun night
 - Parent night
 - Movie night
 - Holiday Bazaar
 - Ask teachers what they would like to see happening here at school.
 - Ask students what they would like to see happening here at school.

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21st Century – What is student interest for new activities?

- Some thoughts – ‘Hunger Games,’ ‘Harry Potter’
- Advertise better. Add cards to the lunch tables. Add notices in the restrooms (suggested names, ‘The Flush,’ or ‘Toilet Talk’).

Meeting adjourns at 4:45 pm.

Committee decides to meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Next meeting – December 14th.

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Next Meeting:

December 14, 2016

3:30 pm