Grandparents’ Committee Meeting
October 16, 2019

Present At Meeting: Catherine Berger, Barry Bernstein, Janet Bray, Miriam Enright, Diane Forester, Ruth Furst, Walter Gertz, Sandra Gordon, Linda Gray, Leslie Horowitz, Claire Kosasky, Dianne Lord, Marvin Maltzman, Elizabeth Jolley, Saul Freedman, Felice Goodman, Barbara Mizrahi, Saba Moor–Doucette, Patricia Ortiz, Peter Palmer, Rose Parrish, Elaine Phillips, Jo Schiff, Phyllis Schwarz, Ilene Sraberg

Meeting Began 11 am

Elaine...made introductions with those present and asked for GPs’ Committee roster to be passed around for signing in and making necessary corrections if needed

Parent Volunteer Mimi Gazzale...spoke about faculty staff appreciation lunch for teachers and staff. They really appreciate the desserts the Grandparents’ Committee provides at each of these luncheons. Dates will be the following for these lunches:

November 5, 2019
February 4, 2020
May 5, 2020

Theme for November 5 will be fall with leaves: Rose will have decorations: suggested apples...THEME: Giving Thanks
Suggestion: pictures of our grandchildren at dessert table...those interested should email Faith the photos...luncheon always on Tuesdays.
Send desserts please if not able to come to help, drop off at guard station area at high school entrance on Laurel Canyon between 10 to 10:30 am...located to the left of school entrance...sign-up sheet passed for those interested to volunteer

Parent Volunteers and Outreach Gift Fair co-chairs Liz Borrud and Rebecca Rowland spoke...Grandparents are invited to buy honor cards this holiday season to support the charity their grandchildren have chosen as a class...children are also encouraged to donate a few dollars to their charity by doing chores around the house. In doing so, they learn about giving and charity. You can send your honor cards to your grandchild so they know you are supporting their charity. Honor Cards will be mailed to you blank with only the amount on them

These are the specific charities your grandchild’s classes have chosen for this year’s Outreach Gift Fair:

1. Baby to Baby-Kindergarten
2. Seeing Eye-first grade
3. Tree People-second grade
5. Heifer International-fourth grade
6. Hands for Haiti-buy a pregnant goat to give to a village: supplying milk, butter, and wool-five grade
7. Sixth grade votes what their charity should be...example...Water for Sudan for hygiene education

Each class will get a handout and will have a special presentation in elementary chapel about their specific charity...Money goes very far in these countries. All elementary grandparents will receive an email with each class’s charity and the date of their specific chapel presentation in case a grandparent would like to attend.

CH makes this charitable action part of the curriculum.

Schedule for this event in the chapel is as follows:

K: 11-21
1st: 11-7
2nd: 11-6
3rd: 11-12
4th: 11-11
5th: 11-18
6th: 11-13

Headmaster Julian Bull spoke about security:

Things that have been done already:
1. fence height-20 ft new
2. additional cameras at certain locations
3. enhanced security at front gate
4. it was said that in order for guards to have concealed weapons these people would have to be licensed and trained...it is difficult for private citizens to have a concealed weapon license-we need to hire off duty officer which would be expensive and this person would not be familiar with our students/teachers...it is not possible to train our own guards due to rules in Studio City-will go back to board to discuss hiring off duty officers

Drills:
we have at CH drills and rehearsals for fire, earthquake and lock down...locking doors and pulling shades down, remaining quiet.
Students/faculty gather on the field where roll call is taken
Special days are set aside for faculty to keep training
Tapes are shown to students regarding these procedures
Drills are performed on regular basis

There has to be a plan and CH does have one

Faith spoke about:
Homecoming Carnival - Bingo that grandparents head. She thanks the grandparents who ran the booth said it was a great event with over 2,400 in attendance!

The Grandparents’ Committee’s donation of $300 to The Trevor Foundation was discussed. It was made in memory of CH student Hart Campbell (and his sister) who were killed by a drunk driver
over the summer. Another donation of $300 was made by the Committee to the Noah Benardout Foundation. He was also killed by a drunk driver this summer. The school lost two souls within a few weeks of each other.

Emily Blake talked about bullying. Faith shared the types of anti-bullying programs CH has: MS and HS student Advisory groups meet twice a week

Senior Mentor Programs...this is spoken about in Chapel
Tool Box...for elementary (gives students the tools/steps they need to be successful in navigating conflict such as taking a deep breath.)

It was asked if a grandparent who has a problem attending a theater performance can come to dress rehearsal the night before...Megan Adell, the Performing Arts Director should be contacted at adellm@campbellhall.org if this is something a grandparent would need to do

Courtyard Stone donated from Grandparents’ Committee was discussed. Last year, the Committee voted to purchase a stone for the courtyard project. It is already engraved and in the high school campus if anyone would like to see it.

Barbara Zax...heads and leads the grandparent support group where discussions involving relationships with grandparents and grandchildren in a safe environment...next meeting will be at the home of Sandra Reiner led by Barbara Zax...November 13...10 am

Viking Care...Phyllis Schwarz...sign-up sheet sent around...this group helps individuals and families at CH whether it be health problems, difficult family problems, or a tragedy...Help is asked in different forms....food, rides to a doctor appointment or just sending a caring card. Phyllis spoke about her grandson who is selling wrist bands and then donating the money to the Trevor Foundation. Hart Campbell was his close friend.

7th grade Grandparents’ Day...Tuesday, November 19...Faith said invites are already in the mail...Grandparents attending will stay after music program to have lunch with their grandchild.

Faith...Upcoming Doggy Dog Escape Room activity on Friday, Dec. 20. Really fun and something all students enjoy, especially the older students! Guests solve puzzles and find hidden clues in order to “escape” to the next room and win the game! Only for grandparents and grandchildren. CH will cover two-thirds of cost therefore $10.00 a person.

On January 26, there is a free art collage activity for grandchildren and grandparents at CH. The school is supplying magazines and pre-cut shapes. You and your grandchild simply cut out images that are important or meaningful to you. They could symbolize your hobbies, favorite foods, travel destinations, etc. Afterwards, you will swap collages so you can discuss your collages.

NEXT MEETING: January 15...11am to 12 pm in ACAL BLDG third floor

Meeting over 12 pm...minutes by Ilene Sraberg