

**Heritage K-8 Charter School
Back-to-School Mandatory Parents Meeting**

**August 3, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

NOTES

On August 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., a back-to-school mandatory parents meeting was held by the administration for all Heritage K-8 parents at the American Spirit Theater. This meeting was NOT a Parent Advisory Board meeting, but members of the Parent Advisory Board were offered time to recruit volunteers and provide information about planned PAB activities for the upcoming year.

Palma Holland started the meeting and led the pledge.

Coach Snyder talked about:

- (1) The new e-mail blast system. If one wants to sign up to receive occasional updates and the Heritage Notes, one can do so at the Heritage website.
- (2) Work done at the school over the summer. The school parking lot has been re-surfaced, the fence has been extended, the building has been painted. Basketball and volleyball court have been installed. The PAB was a “big help” in contributing money to purchase the sports equipment and to extend the fence.
- (3) The economy. The school is going to be alright, but it will be a tight year.
- (4) Everyone has a choice and that comes down to commitment. Make sure your kids are in school. A pet peeve of Coach is tardies. Being on time is respect to teachers and students. **READ THROUGH THE HANDBOOK.** The preamble says what the school is all about.
- (5) If you have a problem with the classroom, start with the teacher, then go to administration.
- (6) Back to School Nights will be 08/18 and 08/19. Farmers Insurance will be there with a free program to get children fingerprinted, if the parents so desire
- (7) The Pledge Drive is still going on.
- (8) You can sign up for the Business Referral Directory.
- (9) To raise money, theater seats are still being sold as are bricks around the statue in front of the high school.

Palma Holland talked about:

- (1) Her and Veronica Farran’s contact information. You can e-mail them 24 hours per day, and they will respond.
- (2) The telephone notification system will be used more to convey school-wide messages.
- (3) On August 7 there will be an informal open house at the school. Come and check out the library and the new classrooms.
- (4) August 10 is the first day of school.
- (5) On August 14 the academic awards assembly for spring 2009 will take place for fourth through eighth graders.
- (6) September 19, 2009, is Back to School Movie Night. There will be no August 15 Back to School Picnic.
- (7) Back to School Nights will be 08/18 and 08/19.

- (8) There are approximately 400 students at the school now. Six new teachers have been added. Miss Phillips is now known as Mrs. Cook and Miss McCallan is now known as Mrs. Clemens.
- (9) The playground is what it is going to be. We are never going to have playground equipment like swings and slides and jungle gyms and teetertotters. Rhino Sports, owned by the Stevenson family, provided the basketball area to the school. The PAB paid for it. There are also now permanent holes for volleyball on the playground area.
- (10) Once the school day starts, the fence will be completely locked. There are expanded staff and visitor parking areas. Palma listed the times for opening and closing of the gates in the morning and the afternoon.
- (11) The website has Heritage Notes, homework assignments, e-mail addresses, volunteer opportunities, PAB Minutes.
- (12) Family Fun Day is May 1, 2010.
- (13) There will be a stricter tardy policy, including parent conference(s).
- (14) The children at Heritage WILL be going to the high school. This is why there is a charter elementary school, so the district can have the kids from kindergarten on.
- (15) The uniform code is a little more strict this year, as is the dress code.
- (16) Pizza Friday and Taco Tuesday will be held this year. There is no other lunch program.
- (17) For afterschool activities, we will have Zumba, jump rope club, YMCA and robotics.

Veronica Farran talked about:

- (1) Patience is a virtue.
- (2) Traffic will be one way at ALL times.
- (3) She showed a map of the traffic flow.

Coach stated that the school is maintaining the kindergarten through third grades at 20 or 21 students, with aides.

Stephanie Boren, president of PAB, talked about:

- (1) Introduced the Board and Vanessa Estrada and Shannon Preciado.
- (2) We need pictures for the overhead for PAB All-Parent Meetings.
- (3) Back to School Family Movie Night will be 09/19/09. Bring a dinner and a dessert to share. The movie will start at sunset. Gates will open about an hour before that.

Marc Lindsey, vice-president of PAB, talked about:

- (1) E-scrip
- (2) I-Give
- (3) Recruiting volunteers for Taco Tuesday and Pizza Friday. (Shawn Sissenwein volunteered to be one volunteer coordinator for Pizza Friday. Marc Lindsey and Sharon Gann do Taco Tuesday every week.)

Conclusion

Palma concluded the meeting at 7:45 p.m.