

Minutes, ARHS Parent Center Meeting September 19, 2007

Jim

- Introduction of attendees and ARHS PC officers
- Format of meetings: will typically give Mark the first ½ hour and then focus the last hour on business

Mark

- Summarized some of last year's focus items (Internet safety, safe houses, substance abuse, ...)
- Some Q&A, mainly focused toward Mark, though answered by several in attendance.
 - Where does the PC fit in? Created by parents to address issues not being addressed elsewhere. More on the web.
 - Is there consistency of curriculum, alignment between classes? Short answer: Yes. Web has curriculum.
 - If not PTO, is this the only group? Other organizations, but this is the most regular and with the closest ties to the administration.
 - Comment on trimester survey? No answer yet. If were to change schedule, it would not take effect until 2009-2010.
- Mark showed highlights of the ARHS web site (<http://www.arps.org/hs/>).

Nate Mondschein

- Have a student representative this year: Nate.
- Nate briefly stated what he saw as his objectives: bring information from students, represent student opinions

Other

- Rosalie gave an overview of the various abuse prevention activities, mentioned that it's as much about intervention. She also mentioned that the Gazette will soon publish resources. Jim requested that Rosalie write up a paragraph overview for the newsletter.
- Q: Maybe PC can raise money for Challenge Day? Jim: PC is not fundamentally a fund raising organization. (Jim later did mention that the PC does ask for money which has been used for the budget guide, min-grants, etc.)
- Adrienne gave an overview of the Safe Homes program. Forms have been sent to parents/guardians. Jim requested a short write-up for the newsletter.
- RaDaR: addressing equality in discipline.
- Future topics? Suggested: impact of budget cuts, bringing in "speakers" from the school.
- Future meetings: October 10, November 14.