

## **UME Preparatory Academy Mission Statement**

UME Preparatory Academy exists to produce college and work ready graduates and to offer parents enhanced opportunities as their child's first and best teachers to strengthen their families as they exercise greater influence over the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth of their children.

## **Parent Affairs Committee Minutes 3/17/2015**

**Attendees:** Denise McConnell, Kristyl Burkey, Sarah Milem, Dr. Brance Barker, Kat Pilson, Brandy Low, Karen Schuch, and Mr. Hunt was also present

**Absent:** Susanne Tatro, Tayna Archer, Rachel Simmons, Robin Ruthford, Dani Barker

**Minutes Approved:** We voted to approve the minutes for January and February.

- January Minutes motion to approve by Sarah Milem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise McConnell.
- February Minutes motion to approve by Sarah Milem, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandy Low and Denise McConnell

### **PAC Focus Leader Update report:**

- **Teacher Focus team: Presented by Kristyl Burkey:**
  1. Kristyl and Rachel held a meeting for volunteers who signed up for the Faculty focused teams to plan out the rest of the year in January. No parents came. Rachel and Kristyl planned out the Faculty meetings and rest of teacher support dates for remainder of the school year.
  2. Kristyl Burkey is going to head up organizing parent volunteers for STARR testing. She will be working with Mrs. Shaw to accomplish this. We will be asking parents to donate snack and beverage items toward a special snack cart for our teachers during testing.
  3. Kristyl Burkey asked for funding (\$75) for the final faculty meeting so PAC could present the teachers with an ice cream sundae bar. It was decided by Dr. Barker and Denise McConnell that we should be able to use funds raised by PAC.
  4. Kristyl Burkey briefly touched on planning and ideas she and Rachel had for Teacher appreciation week and end of school year. More to come on this.
- **Student Focus team: Presented by Brandy Low:**
  1. Glow Party for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade coming up March 27<sup>th</sup>
  2. 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance coming in the spring Dani Barker will be taking the lead on planning this.
  3. End of the year parties will follow the Holiday party format. They will be planned by the grade reps and will most likely take place during P.E. and include games.
  4. Brandy Low proposed that the Student life branch of the PAC may need more people. PAC to think on this, check by-laws, and discuss more. We will need to officially vote before any decisions are made or people are added.
  5. Brandy Low proposed the idea that PAC may want to create a separate website from ume.org. Something fun, with photos, where parents can connect, which is quick for parents to access and consistently updated.

- **Family Focus and Support teams: presented by Sarah Milem:**

1. Snack and chat went great! Good job Sarah! And thank you Suzanne for personally calling new families and inviting them to the snack and chat. We are looking forward to more. WE have gotten a very positive feedback do far and it is turning into a great forum for parents to connect to each other and engage in meaningful discussion. There was even a Spanish speaking table.
2. Sarah Milem proposed needing to do a spring Box Tops fundraiser. Sarah to commence and communicate.

**Google Doc:**

- Using a google doc has allowed the PAC to brainstorm ideas and streamline meetings. We discussed some of the topics at this meeting including: (Please see doc for specifics)
  1. Offer more records of sessions and materials available to parents, more online resources, and PAC networking
  2. The need for fundraising for the PAC
  3. Having more face to face time with parents
  4. Building a community in the school

Parent University scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> 9am-12. Coffee to be served in the morning and hotdogs to be served for lunch. It will follow the same format as the fall Parent U but there will be a few adjustments to speakers and topics.

Town Hall meetings/ K-6th and 7th-10. The PAC will help organize these meetings and ALL questions will be submitted to administration beforehand. PAC will provide a feedback form to parents and moderators to ask questions and call on the administrator who will be answering it. We are all unified in our purpose of these town hall meetings, to give a positive environment for parents to ask administration about goals and direction of the school.

**Spring Semester Calendar:**

- Dad's Club
- Parent Snack and chats
- STARR testing
- PAC meeting March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30

*Min Approved  
3-31-15  
J. Thibault*