

Wednesday, November 1

Topic #1: Interest Night Planning

Information/Presentation:

Current 6th on Tue, Nov 28. Current 5th on Thur, Nov 30. Scheduled for 6:30-7:30. Is that enough time. Likely events include:

- presentation, probably by WC principal/WC staff,
- open house self-tours and/or student led tours,
- information about Outdoor Lab, including grocery card fund raising with Jeffco Foundation,
- other activities/events?
- provide FAQ doc before Interest Nights; add answers to the current questions and to others as they get added. Share on web site and through elementary schools before Thanksgiving break.
- (Note: Half page flyer/invitation has been given to elementary schools)

Committee Discussion/Input: business first vs. open house, staff availability, welcoming and informative, sharing FAQ prior, district questions that we may not have answers for, i.e. transportation. Different presentations for each...5th gr. Night--how is the day going to look, tables for parents to talk about carpools, walking groups, travel groups, wcms gear, etc. Expectations for 6th graders in middle vs. elementary, homework, social/emotional, safety/sidewalks/SRO education/crossing guard...table for parent rep from each school. 8th gr student transition leaders to provide tours, answer questions. How long should formal presentation be? Other voices/SEL?, returning parent table (committee members)...20-30 minutes...perhaps extend 5th gr. Night to 8:00? What is being done at the elementary schools to prepare students? Outdoor lab, dates? Preliminary dates maybe before winter break

Next Steps?

Committee Recommendation: *Presentation first with multiple voices, then open house. Encourage 5th grade parents to attend outdoor lab meetings that will be scheduled in January and March night meeting that will include multiple panel presentations.*

Topic #2: Filling in other events for “Six Months to Middle School” and consideration of summer orientation program.

Information/Presentation:

- Nov: Interest Nights
- Dec: Caroling event with Lukas and Witt (and Meiklejohn?)
- Jan: Evening “Panel Night” including student panels, staff panels, and perhaps parent and/or Transition Committee panel?
- Feb: Counselors go to elementary classrooms for registration presentation
- March:
- April: WC visits during the school day?
- May:
- Summer: Orientation day(s)?
- Also, first day(s) of school in August: In past years, only 7th graders attended the first day of school.

Committee Discussion/Input: Dec. caroling event is planned through neighborhood, ending at wcms for hot chocolate and cookies / Jan.-- Social Studies brochures "what's great about middle school" / Outdoor Lab info. presented by current 6th gr. teachers invite district personnel / discussion about taking wcms students to the elementary schools...thespian society, fccla, robotics, etc. / having an interest morning for people who can't come at night

Next Steps? John will get more info. from principals for more details about caroling. Stefanie will work on Jan. outdoor lab info. night /May--coffee w/counselors at ea. school to meet individually with parents, students

Committee Recommendation:

- **Nov:** *Interest Nights on 28th and 30th*
- **Dec:** *Caroling event with elementary students in the Lukas and Witt neighborhoods.*
- **Jan:** *Outdoor Lab evening presentation with 6th grade teachers from each feeder elementary school*
- **Feb:** *Counselors go to elementary classrooms for registration presentation*
- **March:** *Evening panel presentations*
- **April:** *WC visits during the school day; dates to be determined soon*
- **May:** *Morning Coffees with Counselors at feeder elementary schools*
- **Summer:** *Orientation days. To be determined soon*
- *Also, first day(s) of school in August; to be determined soon.*

Topic #3: Follow up discussion of schedule options, including a recommendation for teaming 6th graders or not.

Information/Presentation:

We need a recommendation tonight as to whether 6th graders should be teamed or not.

Committee Discussion/Input: John shared example of what a sixth grade schedule might look like

Next Steps?

Committee Recommendation:

6th grade team, especially if numbers stay within 130-150 range.

Topic #4: First discussion of how 6th graders go through a typical day, especially morning entry, locker location, etc.

Information/Presentation:

The teaming or not decision could impact some of this.
We have 140 lockers in each of the four pods.

Committee Discussion/Input: No action taken on this topic on November 1.

Next Steps? Will be added to December 6 agenda.

Committee Recommendation:

Future Agenda Topics:

For Wednesday, December 6:

Consideration of student presentations of projects created in social studies classes

Social-Emotional Learning