

Agenda Item	What was discussed	Notes and Plans
New Parent Website		<p>The parent website is here! First page is the latest news with a calender. What do parents want to see? Daily blog is the second page. Resources currently are the Fee meeting notes. What do parents want to see? Summer programs, internships, resources outside of school. ACT testing dates, Days off! There are student resource on the student page. How about instructions about how to keep up wwith students progress. See the mission in writing, possibly we can create our FEE mission together using a circle. The acronym FEE reminds some of paying bills. Can we change it? Yes. Let's think on it. Success stories, especially for parents who are still transitioning from a traditional model. Help for parents to tell the story.</p>
Policy for students walking without an advisor	How do parents feel about 18 year olds leading walks during wellness?	<p>Opinions: It is a safety concern; sometimes the neighborhood can feel a bit unsafe, partially because 1st is a well-traveled street and many kinds of people travel through this area. Also, some students really need adult supervision.</p> <p>An issue with our mission: when we move to 35th and Pierce we want students to be able to use the resources that will be available such as the bike trail, park, UEC etc. So, if students are not allowed to leave without adult supervison now, what about when we move?</p> <p>Liability - for our insurance, is that risk?</p> <p>For the younger students (middle schoolers) it's more important that they are always out with an adult.</p> <p>Could use a circle to discuss this among the students and see how they think the issue should be handled.</p> <p>Parents need to be involved in final descision on if a student can walk with an eighteen year old; could send a waiver home and let the parent discuss with their child and then decide.</p> <p>Walking is useful to let them be more aware of their immediate surroundings; could add a discussion component to walking in which we ask students to discuss what they noticed while they were out.</p>

New cell phone policy	Explained new policy and asked for volunteers to call and explain the policy to our parents	<p>The initial cell phone policy was a 3 strikes policy in which a student would get 3 chances to put their phone away and then it would be taken away. This policy became difficult to enforce because it is hard for advisors to communicate on cell phone issues, and so we've switched to a no cell phones policy/no ipods or devices with screens or wi fi. If a student refuses to give up their phone, they are sent home. If parents or families need to communicate with their students they can call the school, or if a student's phone vibrates and they think it's from a parent they can tell their advisor first and then check it. Students can also give up just the battery if they don't want to give up the entire phone. We discussed the cell phone issue in an all-school advisory last week and several students suggested we go to a no phones policy.</p> <p>Is the policy against our values? Cell phones are a distraction from engaging with your community members and from learning, but EV isn't the kind of school where we have strict policies like this.</p> <p>Cell phones are also a respect issue; if you are violating a policy that is disrespectful to the community. Also, cell phones are a good place to enforce that there are consequences for all actions.</p> <p>If there is a bigger issue with cell phones or really any big issue we would go to a circle process in which student advocates address the issue. Kim is working with a Restorative Justice group and is prepping students to lead circles. The group meets Wednesdays at Bay View and are working on creating a process through which the EV community will deal with harm. Kim would like to do a circle with parents so that they could experience the process and fully understand how we address harm or other conflicts that occur within the school.</p> <p>Interest in a circle: Brie, Malinda, Dana, Jeannette, Marta, Lisa, Annmarie  Kim will reach out with info for details  Jeannette suggested having a circle on issues pertinent to parents</p>
Update on DIY Night Fundraiser		<p>DIY Night was successful and fun! There were about 30 attendees, raised some money (can't remember the amount), and there was a news article written on the subject. We are discussing doing DIY Night again as a community night; Brie suggested that parents could raise money to throw the event so that everyone could participate. If we hold the event before Xmas/Holiday time next year it could be worth doing as a present-making workshop.</p>
March 11th Community Input Session		<p>We are required to hold an input session in LBWN so that the current community members can ask questions and have their concerns addressed about a school moving in. EV needs 5 parents to attend to attest to how awesome our school is!</p> <p>Mary (Connor's mom)  Brie (also volunteered to call parents about the session)  Jeannette  Dana  Malinda (maybe)</p>

<p>CRC Survey March 13 + Open House Planning</p>		<p>March 13th is the next Community Night and we are holding an open house so that prospective donors, students and families can all check out the school. We haven't planned the event at all and are open to ideas! Parents signed up to be on an Open House committee on the sign-up sheet; Kim will contact them in the future. A group of students are working on a project for the Open House in which they'll create a small art gallery. Chili night? Potluck? Nacho bar? There is a Community Night budget; not sure how much there is. Could also fundraise.</p>
<p>Math advisor position open</p>		<p>We are hiring a new advisor for next year and are looking for someone with math experience.</p>
<p>Attendance to FEE meetings</p>		<p>Sent flyers home and called the parents and we got a better turnout! Cynthia's assistant gave her a list about why people did or didn't attend, and no one mentioned a time commitment issue. Discussed using the Open House to encourage parents to attend FEE meetings. Parents want to do a survey on best times etc. Marta pointed out that advisors need to reiterate to students that FEE meetings are important. Jeannette volunteered to come in and call about FEE meetings</p>
<p>Green Tia Gala</p>		<p>Annmarie, Dana and Mr. Patterson will be able to volunteer at our Green Tia Gala, they are excited and willing to promote the event to their networks</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>		<p>Cynthia will send an email to parents who signed up and ask for agenda items. We will also make a FEE google email group.</p>