

**Disclaimer: These notes are not official school or FA approved minutes. They are informational notes taken during coffee hour.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MINUTES

November 4, 2016

8:45AM

- FA Gift card fundraiser going out today. PVCICS gets a percentage of each gift card sold.
- Library furniture is here. Event on 11/9 to show it/open house
- Email virus is going around so be cautious. Call if any questions or unsure of any email received.
- No school next Friday 11/11
- Thanksgiving break: ½ day Wed and no school Thur and Fri
- Middle and HS basketball is starting soon. Form on website to sign up
- Parent Conferences: If more questions feel free to make an appointment with child's teacher
- Bison Bus: yesterday school got a call that paving was being done and lot could not be used for one day. Pick up at school tomorrow today only.
- Parents are not encouraged to park at mall. School has not gotten any recent complaints from mall. Admin feels that new policies have reduced traffic at mall and progress has been made.
- School is looking for additional drop off site towards UMASS
- Parents are reporting that many teachers are still parking at mall/Marshalls
- Bison Bus has gotten positive feedback
- It has been observed that cars seem to be parking in PVCICS lot for mall or Subaru traffic
- Kristy Fontaine, full time Special Ed coordinator was introduced to all
- Beginner Band: parents asked questions regarding minimal meetings and not much done up to this point. Parents feel it cost a lot of money yet not a lot of

learning has yet happened. Discussion of them trying to spread it out over the week, changing times, yet not interfering with Special Ed time.

- Parent requested that Kathy start a monthly email
- Middle school dance is this Saturday, 6:30-8:30. Black and White theme. Some people report that they are not getting emails regarding these types of events.
- HS Dance: November 18th being run by student council
- HS students are currently applying to colleges
- Lunch/food: looking at getting Chinese again. Pizza is most popular. Parent asked if milk can be requested on select days rather than whole semester. Kathy thinks this would be difficult to coordinate.
- PVCICS stickers from FA: some interest by parents in these. HS is selling them at school store.
- Admin is planning an IB info session for spring.
- General info session is tomorrow in room KB. Sibling lottery is now open.
- Tomorrow at the school is a training/open house for libraries in W Mass. Ms. Luker is running this from 9-3.
- 5 college teacher session is also tomorrow from 9-3
- Question about physical space for HS next year. A building in Hadley is being looked at but this decision cannot be made until after January when school knows if they are approved for expansion. Middle school is fully populated. 7th was combined into 2 cohorts last year (current 8th grade class). Possibly will consider this again for this year's 7th grade.
- All HS classrooms are not at capacity
- Parent states that it is important to consider parking, fields, etc when looking into new sites/future buildings
- Applications: K always gets plenty, 6 is more challenging to get, 9 is quite difficult to get.
- China trip: Open to rising 9th graders and HS. Will take place after school ends in June. Need 11 students in order for it to happen. 8 have currently shown interest. Money would be due in March

- Student IDs: Photo company asked to do IDs for HS students. Ended up sending for all students.