

Meeting #5

April 21, 2025

7:45am-8:45am, House 1 room 203

I. Welcome/Introductions - Lambert

- Called to order: 7:45 AM
- In attendance: C. Lambert, M. Franco, L. Rivera, G. Thompson, J. Reinhardt, T. Waterworth, R. Larson, S. Behzadi, E. Pastorious, J. Ponzio, A. Boylan, N. Akinbile, Kyle, Isai, Ellen, B. Simon, A. Wilson (spotlight topic)

II. General School Updates - Lambert

- Ashley Wilson is joining us as our spotlight topic guest
- Spring break - fine arts trips: band in Disneyland (140 kids); choir in Nashville at Grand Old Opry - one student received a distinguished award
- So many clubs, sports, arts groups from CFHS traveling to compete
- AZ tests complete (AzSci, Aspire, ACT) - huge undertaking (mid to late May we will get results and will share them in site council in fall)
- Spring Pep Assembly and Prom
- Friday was the Spring Athletic Signing Ceremony (15 athletes signed letters of intent to play in college) - Pierce planned and led this ceremony, Stuco provided breakfast
- Friday night was Powder Puff Football Game
- Tonight is Academic Awards Ceremony (grades 9-11) - 7pm. The criteria for this ceremony will be changing, to include only semester grades, since they are final, and the ceremony will then take place in early Sept to honor the current 10-12 for what they did the year prior
- Adv Theatre Production: "Double Time" - April 24-26 (4 shows) - entirely student produced
- AP exams begin May 5 - these go for two weeks - over 1,000 CFHS students taking one or more test
- Fine Arts final concerts and shows go through May
- Graduation: May 21, 7:30 PM (one month from today)

III. Student Council Updates - Thompson and Students

- Kyle - March 13 was movie night - free for all students, not-for-profit; Friday, March 14, Cafe Falcon raised about \$1,000 to go towards Special Olympics, and had two students speak at the event; St. Patrick's Day had an event for
- Prom week/spirit week went well - pep rally theme was a mystery theme, and got students involved; good dance at Ventana
- Ellen heard great feedback for pep rally and prom; tied the theme back to the Falcon News; prom smooth
- Kyle - elementary reading day at Ventana Stuco read to younger students
- Powder puff - raised \$1200 for Special Olympics

- Upcoming events: elections for next generation of Stuco
- May 8 is Senior Sunset
- Isai - Food Drive going on right now
- Thompson - needs happen during the holidays and summer to give extra supplies for summer months and then in the fall for the holidays - thank you to the Stuco students for their continued hard work; elementary students sent thank you cards; working on thank-you's for prom season
- Thompson - for testing, accolades to the testing staff - so smooth
- Behzadi - extra thanks to testing staff
- Lambert - our district supports this, as it would fall on counseling otherwise

IV. FFO Updates - Ponzo

- Bus driver appreciation coming up; each school makes a sign which is signed by students, and write thank you notes - how can we translate this to high school? Is there something we can do for high school bus drivers? The drivers are celebrated with coffee/the poster/a gift to recognize them.
- Grad Night - ticket sales very low, so get the word out - the due date for tickets is May 14. If there aren't more tickets sold, there will be no t-shirts, no table sales. Normally there are \$3-4,000 in donations, and they are currently at about \$1200, so need more donations. Concerned about covering everything.
- Fall Fling is one of their biggest fundraisers - trying to recruit a coordinator
- Elections - most slots are filled, except fall fling coordinator; grad night volunteer positions are almost filled, which is great!

V. Counseling Updates - Larson

- Working with seniors on post-high school plans, graduation status
- April 28, 6pm Chris Hsieh is leading a personal essay writing workshop
- Franco - the essay is critical to admissions, so the more juniors we can have attend
- Behzadi - announce to junior English Google Classrooms
- Wilson - advertise on TV's too
- Thompson - former student is an admissions counselor now, and they do look at AP scores and essays - AP scores give a baseline, and the essays give the personality
- Ponzo - will also advertise in newsletter

VI. Spotlight topic - Digital Citizenship - Wilson

- Wilson is an ed tech specialist (former photo teacher)
- Digital Citizenship Lessons - K-12 initiative
- Wilson - not many people know that Rivera and Wilson do this - one to two weeks out of the month they go into the classroom and provide digital citizenship lesson - they take topics and go into the classroom to watch videos and hold discussions - trying to keep kids safe and informed with what they are doing online

- Topics they are covering: Media Balance and Well Being; Privacy and Security; Digital Footprint & Identity; Cyberbullying/Drama & Hate Speech; News & Media Literacy; Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- K-12 Alignment: lessons are delivered to all grade levels - they decide which lesson fits best per grade level; examples of videos like "What's a Deepfake?" Videos are being created that look very real, but are fake, so they teach how to fact check.
- Digital Footprint is something we create, whether on purpose or not. Social Media posts for example, are active, whereas looking something up for info is passive.
- Discussions: Are we addicted to our phones?
- Jigsaw activities - example: taking articles and reading them and sharing back with group
- Moving forward, Rivera and Wilson will be looking at lessons with district team to try to evolve and make lessons more relevant - integrating AI, etc.

VII. Discussion of future spotlight topics for Site Council Meetings - Lambert

- Survey for future spotlight topics - what are your questions or suggestions
- Behzadi - better inform the staff that this is happening
- Lambert - yes, will push out in staff meetings and/or at orientation
- Behzadi - in Falcon News - when lessons are happening in which classes
- Wilson - important to get out - only in class one hour, and so it would be good to have it reinforced by teachers
- Ponzo - even at home so parents know, so they can have a conversation with their kids - can also put in newsletter
- Lambert - in Parent Square, and maybe even in a short video: here is what your kids just learned
- Akinbile - does this integrate with the CTE cybersecurity? Maybe the kids in this JTED program speak to these lessons and careers? Also, in sports teams, using technology appropriately
- Lambert - yes, partner with athletics - if thinking of playing sports in college, how they are recruited, and to be cautious - this is very important work and we need to publicize and make it a bigger part of the school

VIII. Adjourned:

- Lambert - I propose that we do site council once per quarter (so four meetings instead of five) - all agree yes
- Any other spotlight topics we want to showcase? We did not get to College/Career Counseling from Mr. Hsieh; various campus mentoring programs (Link Crew, Peer Mentoring, and NHS tutoring)
- Behzadi - Link Crew - over 130 interested applicants for leaders - accepted 114 new LC leaders; lower the number and boost up the number of kids they each mentor - more males applied this year and are already in leadership or volunteer activities; first training is this Friday with the new leaders - want to make it meaningful and were very selective to make it truly something students had to

work for; they do videos and writings in application; looking for ways to constantly improve and be better leaders and mentors to our freshmen

- Ponzo - raffling grad parking spaces for parents - two weeks starting May 9 and will announce it so people can plan for parking - 5 spaces are being raffled
- Akinbile - as a parent, it's great to hear more about student council, and I appreciate all that you do - very impressive
- Simon - impacted so many Special Education students' lives - you've made them feel comfortable and more confident - thank you; also FFO - thank you for all of your support;
- Thompson - College/Career Counseling spotlight topic as first one for fall site council
- 8:43 Meeting Adjourned

Future meeting dates:

TBA