

Meeting Minutes - ISC General Meeting

Location: Harriton High School (HHS), Black Box Theater

Date: December 8, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

Presenters: Aeryn Fention, Starfish Project, main presenter -
coordinated presentations from:

Beverly Russo, Lucy Belle's Rainbow
Pat Carr, The Calliope Joy Foundation
Amy Kruhlig, Jewish Relief Agency
Harriton High School Students

Topic: Community Service in LMSD from elementary school to high school.

- I. Aeryn Fention presented along with assistance from HHS Students and representatives from local nonprofits -
 - A. see Ms. Fention's presentation attached
- II. Community Service is really good for the kids doing it
- III. Focused on internal wealth
 1. Roots of Strength
 2. How it learn - "feel it"
 - a) relevant life experience
 - b) adult support
 3. community service
- IV. Community vs Society
 - A. Community - you enter because you want to
 - B. Society - no choice that you are in it
- V. Community implies connectives
 - A. Reinforces service and internal wealth strengthen
 - B. Doing service for community without any expectation of reeving something in return
- VI. Little kids get confidence for helping at tasks appropriate to their age
 - A. subtle doing things for others is the cost of community
- VII. Presenter: Beverly Russo, Lucy Belles Rainbow www.lucybellesrainbow.org
 - A. Daughter Lucy was a student at BCMS before succumbing to a brain tumor in 2014
 1. Lucy's legacy is to make art and smile: create for a cure to cancer
 - B. Lucy Belle's Rainbow started working with students at BCMS and has expanded beyond to bring art supplies and art therapy support to children undergoing cancer treatment.
 1. Kids want to help fill bags to go to kids at CHOP and their siblings
- VIII. Presenter: Pat Carr - Calliope Joy Foundation www.thecalliopejoyfoundation.org
 - A. Daughter diagnosed with degenerative disease - leukodystrophy

- B. Founded Cal's Cupcake Challenge @ Cynwyd
 - 1. couldn't do this without the support Cynwyd Elementary School
 - a) the kids are really enthusiastic and want to get involved.
- IX. Aeryn Fenton discusses Starfish Project for Children www.thestarfishprojectforchildren.org
 - A. Focus on the children doing service
 - B. mission - motivate kids to do community services so they do it again and again
 - C. trialing project in LMSD
 - D. Follows SPFC Formula
 - 1. Student Service & positive reinforcement = fulfillment & confidence
- X. Amy Kruhlig presented from Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) www.jewishrelief.org
 - A. 5 county program and works closely w/ LMSD who is generous with time
 - B. Feeds 6k people a month
 - C. Many student volunteers for program
- XI. Students from Harriton presented the areas they support in service
 - A. Jared's Box www.thejaredbox.com
 - 1. pack boxes for kids in CHOP - ages 2-10
 - B. Harriton Service League www.lmsd.org/harritonhs/campus-life/activities/index.aspx
 - 1. meet monthly to review service event available and set-up service in the school and the community
 - 2. reward immediate way to make a difference.
 - C. Bethel Academy [LMSD News Link: Bethel Academy Begins](#)
 - 1. tutoring academy for children's whose parents can't be there
 - a) help kids with homework - see them grow so much
 - D. Best Buddies
 - 1. matched special needs kids with someone who doesn't have special needs
 - 2. build a one- to-one relationship
 - 3. see them both grow and broaden horizons
 - a) great impact for both students
 - E. Harriton Community Garden www.lmsd.org/harritonhs/campus-life/activities/index.aspx
 - 1. Grow produce in summer and donate to library in Ardmore
 - 2. rewarding to students growing the food.
 - F. Build-on www.lmsd.org/harritonhs/campus-life/activities/index.aspx
 - 1. National organization to get HS students in community and countries with low reading rate
 - 2. Type of agencies assisting: JRA, Jane Adam, animal shelter, Bethel Academy, the community, schools in district
 - a) participate in a variety of service activities to meet requested needs