General Thoughts

Dr. Cain and Dr. Williams

It’s been a rewarding year at City Honors. I’ve learned a lot. I’ve balanced the good against the bad and easily conclude that I’m looking forward to fall.

I owe Mr. Singleton for putting up with the clamor that invaded his once “Temple of Solitude”. Fortunately next semester he will endure the noise for only 2 hours per day.

I did a very informal survey with the students; asking them what they thought of the school. This is what I was told.

1. All complained about the food.
2. Many felt no sense of uniqueness, complaining that this was just an extension of Crozer.
3. Some wondered why certain students (behavior problems) were allowed into City Honors.

I have no experience solving the problems you deal with daily. I can only offer a few ideas.

1. Food – Push the district to allow for more “Food Truck/Taco Stand” days. My kids loved this.
2. Uniqueness – This is tough. Clearly we can’t paint our building another color or set up a gate. Possibly a new banner spreading across the courtyard separating Crozer from City Honors might have a psychological boost.

I plan on starting a student arts newsletter in the fall; totally underground and subversive. Josiah, Brandon, Deshawn are the editors (they don’t that yet). The school could use some fun controversy.

1. Admissions - I understand the charter has been lost thus the ability to turn students away has been compromised. To this I request – PLEASE, NO MORE BEHAVIOR PROBLEM KIDS IN MY CLASSES. If possible limit the size in sculpting to 24 and in the 3D computer animation class no more than there are computers. I will not double up students on a single computer.

I have three busts, Caesar Chavez, President Obama and Dr. King. I will mount these this summer/fall. These I will donate to City Honors by way of the Art Club/Newsletter. We can dedicate these on Chavez Day, Dr. King during Black History Month and President Obama when opportune. Mount style will depend on where they will reside (wall-mount, inside a case, etc.) We need to discuss this.

I suggest these be handled with an eye for publicity, local papers should be notified. We will all benefit.