

Cleveland High School

FOCB Disney Debrief Meeting

Minutes

April 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Gary Riler
Cindi Carrell
Jen Means
Eric Hill
Tammy Lewis
Scott Randol
Eli's dad
Kat
Aaron Pearlman

Run-up/Trip Planning:

- Go with different company? They would handle several of the things Jen did.
- Jen did the following: collected money, forms, spreadsheet of payments, communication, packet preparation, sign up, payment info, scholarship
- Gary handled contracts for transportation and hotel.
- Jeannie's timeline was too tight, turnaround times were too short. Need more notice.
- Other companies were more expensive (\$968 this year; \$1300 for the others).
- Consider a travel agent or district travel/contract person.
- Gary will talk to district bookkeeper about district travel company; they handle money and reminders.
- Other school band trips have included universal studio and Disney performance center. Consider looking in to other theme parks.

On the Ground:

- Informational meeting went well
- Before trip, establish a meeting place and time for parents to meet kids in LA if they are picking them up rather than sending them back with the group.
- Have a backup plan for parent no-show.
- Date was good for kids to miss two days of school and have time later.
- Get kids to exchange numbers with each other at meeting where chaperones get kids' numbers.
- Selfie check in was great.
- Have kids send pics so chaperones can recognize them.
- Prepping for march was a mess. Roll out uniforms on their racks instead of handing them out one by one. Organize kids by name.
- Adjoining rooms for kids a potential problem.

- Breakfast was awful. Different hotel or maybe up budget to pay for breakfast
- Food budget was too low
- Downtown Disney worked fine - no problems. Increased responsibility as time went as they proved themselves.
- Kids wanted more pool time but this is unlikely because of district monitoring requirements.
- Have a backup plan for the pier if it is rainy. Consider a destination that isn't going to get closed down by rain, like Hollywood.
- The students loved Medieval Times.
- One year commitment appropriate
- Start fundraising early (now)
- Rent truck early (year in advance) - keep checking on it
- Leave early with the truck; it took all day to get through LA
- Parking truck was an issue
- Figure gas for truck (\$600) into planning
- Pack truck more efficiently
- Save hangers from old uniforms
- Streamline process for loading and unloading truck - let everyone know how it would work; Use kids to distribute and pack

Disney video to be played at awards concert

Matt Hastie (via email):

Here are a few thoughts from me to fold into your debrief conversation this evening:

- Overall, it was a great trip and I thought things went just about as smooth as they could given we were wrangling almost 90 HS kids for 4 days. It totally exceeded my expectations on the fun-o-meter. Great job everyone!
- Group texting worked great for my little group of boys and me for keeping track of people, checking in, etc. Confirming I had the right cell phone numbers in advance was also helpful. In general, my kids were really good and I had very few problems/issues.
- Consistency in requirements for everyone was very helpful. It was sometimes tough for individual kids to deal with that but in the long run super important.
- The logistics really worked well, given everything we had to do, the number of kids, etc. Kudos to the bus drivers, Jeannie and everyone else.
- We had a couple of minor hiccups with getting the rooms ready/available at checkout so we could have been smoother there but really not a big deal.
- We also probably could have been a little smoother, more consistent on the protocol between going through security and entering the parks. Again, a minor detail but something to improve on next time.
- I know we had issues with a few kids in terms of late night noise and bothering other hotel guests. We probably need to give them all an even stronger pep talk

about that next time. Again, I think it was more of an isolated issue than a large trend.