1. INVOLUNTARY CRYOGENICS EXPERIMENTS:
Heaters in various buildings around campus (bldgs 9, 16, 17, and perhaps some not yet documented) are malfunctioning in various ways. Many blow cold air. Some blow smelly air. Some two-room heaters heat one room but not the other, forcing the heater to be shut off entirely to avoid freezing the appendages off of one room’s students in the very act of warming up those the adjacent room. Plant manager Mark Knapp acknowledged that we have a multi-location problem. He said that money and repair personnel availability are both issues, but that, perhaps, some replacement parts might be installed or at least on order by the time we get back from break. Some heaters may have problems so severe that fixing isn’t feasible. (One heater was vandalized by fire extinguisher spray, making an entire re-build necessary to clean it.) CVSTA President Erik Carlstone confirmed w/FAC chair by e-mail that Leuzinger and Lawndale also have heater issues. Mr. Carlstone will raise this issue at the next SAC (Superintendent’s Advisory Committee) meeting. With any luck, Mr. Carlstone’s efforts may convince the district to free up funds for heater repair. Word is travelling through the grapevine that the superintendent just got another raise (to $198k/yr?). Surely, this indicates that the district is no longer in financial trouble and we can now afford such bare necessities as climate control, both for its own intrinsic merits but also to help the district avoid vulnerability to Williams-related lawsuits. (“School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair.”) In the meantime, until things are fixed, enjoy your stay in Cocytus. It’s minty fresh!™

2. FURNITURE ABDUCTIONS: Stuff continues to disappear without leave from classrooms. Since the last FAC cycle, a room in the 17 building had two stools disappear over the very same weekend that various things (boxes, power strips, desks, boxes) disappeared from the 23 building. Mr. Knapp has talked to the custodian who was in charge of both those runs on the weekend in question and reminded him that custodians are not to remove furniture and other items without the knowledge and approval of the teacher in charge of the room. Subsequently, some of the missing items have reappeared. Some have not. FAC chair advises all faculty to e-mail knappm@centinela.k12.ca.us whenever anything disappears from your room that probably wasn’t taken by a student. Please cc barnesd@centinela.k12.ca.us to reinforce the paper trail.

3. VERMIN UPDATE: M Knapp aerosol-bombed the bldg 19 English supply closet. No word yet on the results of that fogging or subsequent cleanup. The 23 bldg was sprayed in the 2nd or 3rd week of Nov. Cockroach presence in 9 bldg is still “epic”; lethargic roaches seem to be crawling out of cracks to die. E. Carlstone informed FAC chair that Leuzinger and Lawndale are also experiencing vermin issues. E. Carlstone will bring this issue up at the next SAC meeting (as with heater issue).

4. RUPOSTASIS: 9 building experiencing unchanged liners, failure to sweep. 18/19 buildings “not swept on a daily basis and mopped only once a year”. M Knapp acknowledges deficiencies and affirms that a paper trail is being developed. Mr. Knapp appreciates receiving emails regarding room-cleaning deficiencies.

5. SECURITY DELAYING STUDENTS: Mr. Martinez assured FAC that security guards will now carry hall passes with them and write tardy passes for students that they detain for questioning at the end of lunch, etc.. In theory, then, there will now be no more kids saying “Security said you could just call them.”

6. PREMATURE DISMISSAL: A teacher complained that someone in the 23 building is dismissing their students two minutes early nearly every day. Mr. Martinez would like to know specifically which room they’re coming from if it’s known. He will also stand outside the 23 building just before passing period to determine if the bells are audible over there. It was suggested that it might be a sub doing it, but the frequency of occurrence is just too high.

7. LUNCH UPSTAIRS: Mr. Martinez personally thinks it would be just fine to have the cafeteria staff sell food to teachers again upstairs, but there needs to be a sufficient number of teachers who would buy food regularly up there for it to be worth the personnel allocation. There was some discussion about perhaps getting teachers set up with prepaid meal cards so they could buy food just like the kids do, right where the kids do, if hauling food upstairs doesn’t make sufficient sense.

8. ANNOUNCING TARDY SWEEPS: In response to the teacher who suggested that admin stop announcing tardy sweeps, Mr. Martinez said that
If you have any complaints, suggestions, or praise that you would like added to the next FAC meeting's agenda, please email misterbarneshhs@socal.rr.com, or, if you want to remain anonymous, leave a note in Dan Barnes' box. Also, please let Mr. Barnes know your observations of how well the promises made in these minutes are being enacted.