

Green Meadow School Council
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2006

Minutes: Kieran Joshi

Attending: Hanne Mully
Katie Krasinski
Tim Sullivan
Bill Kohlman
Stacey Briggs
Bernie McLaughlin
Marie Kutlowski
Nyomi Corriveau
Kieran Joshi

I. Public Input
N/A

II. Review of Minutes
Minutes accepted.

III. Current Status

Spring Auction raised \$22,000. Press release sent to Beacon. Overall reviews have been wonderful. Many items went for high prices. The sleep over went for \$400. Marie is willing to help Bernie with the sleep over plans.

Recycling: Parents are looking at what each school is doing for recycling. Will try to improve recycling by adding plastic recycling in the cafeteria. They will have a bucket to empty the liquid and a bucket for the plastic. This will begin next week. It should decrease the amount of waste that the school produces.

Teacher retirement: Judy Johnson (3rd grade), Sue Pomfred (2nd), Cindy Kulevich (P. E.)

Preschool went through NAEYC accreditation. Need to show many forms, records and questionnaires. They have had their visit from their validator and did receive accreditation. Kindergarten is now going through the same process. Kindergarten receives grants so they need to be NAEYC approved. Katie Krasinski is the liaison for the NAEYC accreditation. The accreditation is scheduled for first 2 weeks in May.

Budget will be discussed at the town meeting in May. No number has been stated for cuts. The town is going to have an override proposal in May. Bill gave some information regarding the health care issue. The town is looking into putting together health benefits to save money for the town as well as employees. A potential draw back is that one provider may not be available. This also needs to be negotiated with the union. The savings could be up to \$600,000.

Kindergarden screening for students who will be attending Green Meadow in the fall. There are presently at 98 students. This involves 26 staff members over 2 days. Screened for special education and for placement.

Next week sending out Green Meadow Report Card. Every district is required to publish a report card containing student numbers, diversity, ELE, MCAS test results for previous year, special education. The report card is mandated by No Child Left Behind.

Reference last month's agenda...checking page 1 of Continuous Improvement Plan. We have covered previous sections this year.

IV: School Improvement Plan - Ensure a respectful safe nurturing environment to promote optimum learning.

1a. Behavior is written in the school handbook.

b. Barbara has data in the computer regarding student behavior. She is able to collect data from this. The data does not follow the student to the next grade. Example: Change the order of lunch /recess has reduced behavior issues during lunch.

c. Substitutes have a training and a CORI check.

d. Bike Safety, Halloween Safety, Officer Phil Assembly

e. promoting cultural diversity, April 13 there will be an assembly on Japanese Drumming

f. Celebrate student achievements, did Math Night and Spelling Bee.

g. Morning Meetings continues so that kids can get together weekly as a grade level and begins to articulate in front of their peers. It helps develop a student cohesiveness.

2a. Emergency code system has a lock down and a code (123) where free adults help find a child who might be missing.

b. Badge system is enforced. Secure the doors in the morning (8:35) so that people can only enter from the front door and then must sign in.

Overall, Green Meadow has high expectations for behavior of all students.

Additions: 3rd grade/kindergarten buddies to help the kinder gardeners get used to the school environment, middle school girls volunteer to do their community service at Green Meadow

Questions: d.e.f needs to be clarified.

V. Public Input

The public is quiet.