

School Council Meeting September 10, 2007

Attendance:

Bernadette McLaughlin

Dan Charbonneau

Stephanie Gavin

Pat McCarthy

Kieran Joshi

I. Current Status

Staffing: In the newsletter, we will highlight the new staff through the newsletter. Each newsletter will contain a small bio regarding one new staff member.

7 classrooms of Kinder garden, 118 kinder garden students. 6 sections of 1st, 6 sections of 2nd, 4 sections of 3rd.

Concerns over parking lot size—many parents have been having trouble getting their kids to school on time.

Open House, September 20, 6:30-7:30 for K-3 with the book fair starting at 6 pm and going until 8 pm

Construction is on going. The boilers still need to be installed (there was difficulty with the placement for the boiler due to a drain) and 16 heating vents need to be replaced. This will cause some disruptions to teaching and learning.

September 11: Discussions will be held about safety and who keeps us safe. The actual events of September 11, 2007 will not be discussed.

PTO picnic was very successful. There was a larger attendance than last year.

Asking about parent name list for the pre-school classes. Also, perhaps there is a time for the parents to meet.

Web site is not up to date. Nobody is assigned to updating the web site for the district or for Green meadow. Jon Green is the web master but he is not on site.

II. Review of Vacancies

Staff, one vacancy

Parents, since Kieran is now a parent rather than community member, there is only one vacancy.

Community members, 2 are needed. Community members are not elected but appointment. Often times they are found via town organizations. The library is one avenue to check or the organizers of October Fest. Bernie will also check with the Boys and Girls Club and Elks club.

III/IV Minute Takers/Information Sheets

Information sheets are up to date for all members
All meetings are the first Monday of each month.

V. School Improvement Plan

Kieran was looking at the plan for potential modifications. She mentioned looking for more explanation so that someone who is not part of the school community would understand the plan.

For Goal I, much of the goal needs to be reconsidered due to working with the IDEAL consultant group. The Scott Foresman materials are very good but do not meet the needs of all learners. The consultants are helping to meet those needs and training people to accomplish this task. All students will be assessed via the DIBELS testing. There are also new literacy specialists who are working together to have consistent assessment tools. Ideal consultants suggested that the goal is to have all students be fluent readers by the end of first grade.

Thoughts on things to include:

Bernie will work on literacy aspect including the information (and more) from above.

Literacy: Writing across the curriculum area to enhance students' abilities to give detailed and organized answer to open response questions in all curriculum areas.

Math is incorporating writing as an assessment tool. Using multiple resources to work on students basic skills while strengthen their investigation skills.

Science:

3rd grade is updating their scope and sequence to align with the state frameworks while fostering hands-on experimentation through relevant and meaningful investigations.

Social Studies:

Revamp the scope and sequence of S. S. at each grade level to align with the new State Frameworks.

Health Wellness

Investigate programs that promote wellness for students

Education students using the updated ??????? to encourage students to lead healthy lifestyles.