

Green Meadow School Council
October 4, 2004

In attendance: Nance Messina, Fred Chi, Liz Doyle, Marie Kutlowski, Tim Sullivan, Jessica Nelson, Shirley Dufour, Bernie McLaughlin, Lois Reilly, Priscilla Cotter, Bill Kohlman, Kristen Richardson

I. Public input-

- * Liz Doyle, co-chair of the enrichment committee spoke about the events put on by the PTO, two events for each grade level and all-school events. They work with team leaders to connect the events with curriculum at each grade level.
- * Bill Kohlman checked minutes from last year and Shirley's position is up this year. The School Council will look at the election part so every year one parent position will be open. Bernie will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

II. Review of Minutes -

- * One correction- Barbara Bergner attended a Leadership Training in Needham MA, not Nashua, NH.

III. Current Status -

- * Dr. Mayer will speak at the next meeting on Nov. 1st. He will speak about his job and answer any questions the committee might have for him.
- * PTO started the magazine drive with an assembly. The students will bring home the magazine packets on Thursday.
- * Dr. Masterson is looking for a representative to serve on the Superintendent's Council. The council meets once a month from 6:30-8, the next meeting is 11/27/04.
- * On Wednesday, Oct. 20th at 7 pm, there will be a joint school council and school committee meeting. Each school council will present their school improvement plan. Bernie will present the plan, and the other members can also contribute.
- * Mary Thomley resigned on Friday. She will be finishing up over the week. Students are still receiving services. The school is advertising to fill the position.
- * Friday, Oct 8th- early release day, the topic is "AYP". Dr. Mayer will present Test Wiz (data analysis). Dr. Mayer will present to each school. The district will have to write an improvement plan. This program takes data and looks at trends in the data.
- * Third graders will take the MCAS in both ELA and Math this year. The math results will not come until the following year.
- * Writing prompt -This year the prompts will only be double scored once. The classroom teacher will score the first and last prompts. The January prompt will be double-scored. The rubrics will stay the same.
- * Drop-off- The drop-off system is improving. Bill suggested putting the information regarding the drop-off system in the newsletter again.

IV. PTO-

- * Marie Kutlowski and Lois Reilly spoke about the PTO. The PTO is two groups under one heading. The group raises money for the school. Some of the fundraising events have been: Picture Day ..\$1,500-1,700 -October 18 and 21 st.

Magazine Drive -One of the biggest fundraisers -\$5,000

Holiday Shop - around \$1,000 this money raised goes back to decorations and items for the following year .

Note cards -Parents can purchase note cards with their child's artwork printed on it. Parents can order colored cards or black and white. \$1,500- \$1,600

Family Fun Night -either in Feb. or March

PTO also raises money through School Pop and Box Tops

Other ideas for this year -comedy night, yard sale, antique appraisal

*Marie Kutlowski looked at the school improvement plan to guide the spending of PTO funds. The group purchased GPS systems for 3rd graders, funded Ellen Jaffee-Zeller's vernal pool study. They have added new landscaping, a new fence and a bench to Green Meadow. The group has also helped with the funding towards Responsive Classroom. PTO funds the buses for field trips, and gives the teachers "start-up" money at the beginning of the year. This year each teacher has a tablecloth and a lamp to decorate their tables in the hall, which was all done by the PTO. PTO has also set up an emergency dismissal chain. PTO is always willing for input by the teachers and parents.

They have guest speakers for each meeting. Dr. Mayer will speak at the PTO regarding No Child Left Behind. The meetings are a great way to inform more parents about issues related to the school -school council budget information, etc.

V. Technology Sub-Committee -

* Tim has estimated that it will cost approximately \$20,000 to get 1-2 new computers for every classroom and a multi-media center for presentations. Tim has been emailing with Dr. Masterson to discuss a tech. meeting with the IT department.

VI. Public Input-

* The Chess Club is looking for parent volunteers. Bernie will put this information in the newsletter.

Next Meeting -November 1, 2004