

Minutes

Jan 8, 2009

Attendance: Merry, David Shana, Erik Irene

1. Principal Report:

- Merry taking books to Amman, Jordan prepared by CRA students; provide service learning opportunities between schools.
- Perceived problems with orchestra attendance and placement have worked themselves out.
- Date set for art Festival -May 29th; in conjunction with that activity, school will host a core knowledge expo for parents to observe the different kinds of learning going on at the school.
- Discussed recess-EO was going to check if there is any mandate or legal requirement regarding recess. The local District has a policy that school time can't break into recess.
- Speciality class and aides going well
- Board offered positive feedback on newsletters, monthly newspaper
- Concerns raised about snowboarders and skaters using school grounds especially on the rail; primary reasons include: Safety, liability and property damage. Action: Take appropriate steps to prevent by: 1) seek input of Risk Mgmt, 2) Bolt railing, 3) contact GSD police and have them actively patrol area and cite violators, 4) Check current signing-add additional language if required to include snowboarders, 5) keep stairs clear if possible. Doing so will add level of protection. Other recess activities might include issuing spray bottles with food color to allow kids to make snow art.

2. In lieu of Core Knowledge training in Florida next fall, it was recommended that some teachers attend a Curriculum Mapping Institute in Park City July 9-12. This will provide specific training on how to map the core knowledge curriculum. This conference is budgeted in the implementation grant.

3. Implementation Grant- wholesale change from original; 45k could be collected now; trimmed down on technology and multi-media; laptop computer value was discussed; recommended using laptops and projectors and downloading material from educational sites rather than spending money on outdated video material. EO wants to make sure the laptops get utilized; Discussed in some detail the proposed server room and the need to reduce noise and temperature from the computer lab. At present, 2 servers exist now, with need for 1 more. Erik will sign revised implementation grant and Board can ratify next month if required.

Question: how much to sustain saxon math and open court reading (Administration will compile info)

4. After school program-Board liked idea; need to be flexible, may not be self sustaining at beginning; takes time; recommended to advertise in newsletter

5. Still had outstanding receipts for December Lunch revenue-unable to provide report .

6. Building Update: boiler has had numerous problems costing the school upwards of \$2000 to date.

7. East field-Cheri was going to provide to Erik a form from impact soccer they use prepared by GSD. Shana spoke regarding Cheri's suggestion to charge \$3.00 hr. Erik will look at form; wants to know benchmarks for other comparable sites; What maintenance are the players really doing? Note: all the field maintenance including watering, mowing, trimming, fertilizing was contracted out.

8. Open House-a teacher from every grade level will be in attendance; student material displayed, core knowledge bulletin board, Charter school supplement, Millcreek Journal to advertise.