

MINUTES

11/13/08

Present: Erik , Shana , Cheri , David Havell, Irene, Merry, Amanda , David, Melinda

PTA report: discussed October parent breakfast, gold medal program that encourages eating right and increasing physical fitness ; Red-ribbon week; Reflections -120 entries, box top contest earned \$150, campbell labels, caps,, vision screening, completed Sally Foster - earned \$8000, Book fair – feedback – parents wished for books that cost less next spring.

Discussed different sources of revenue including Target, Albertsons, Walmart , Smiths, Dan's, Cream of Weber rewards; possible idea is to set up table on a Saturday at Smith's.

Action : Make available a list of all the options for "shop and earn" dollars from local vendors and distribute out on a frequent basis.

Principal Report:

*CUSAP – grant cumulative Utah program; funding put together for Title 1-4, most money used for safe and drug free school, professional development, books for classroom, Merry had training to help write it.

*Report card status – verge on coming on-line, Goal is to have it ready for 2nd trimester. Havell - should be ready to operate tomorrow. Should be ready to start teacher training right after that.

*Core knowledge conference in Anaheim– 10 attending . Nov 19-22, teachers will report to other teachers and write to parents on what they learned.

*Spanish now being taught in 3rd grade twice a week, 6th grade 45 minutes twice a week, 4th & 5th grade four times a week for 30 minutes.

*PE- Melinda Sorensen hired; teaches third to sixth grades (5th and 6th part of rotation) (3rd and 4th teachers start Dec 1st)

*Rotation schedule– music, art, library or music art, computers

6th – only 2 classes -art/pe

When band/orchestra happens 6th grade does music time is done then; copies of schedules available

Olson: likes free rein time for teachers, not cookie cutter, can make adjustments as needed

The rotations provides Merry the ability to talk to all the grade level at one time – communication better, working well

*Library update: 14 books for every student, students can check out 2 books each time,

Core knowledge books – suggestion to laminate to prolong life of books

*Iowa Test – improved in every area; language arts score was same, every other category was higher; not tied to state standards; this test compares general knowledge with other kids in nation; not necessarily aligned with what we teach. How best to communicate information?

Issue: Band/Orchestra: Band moved from Library location into faculty room; up to 50% of Orchestra kids not coming when it's after school. Concerns were expressed about size of room, and sound quality

Action: Find out why parents are not bringing kids, encourage them to come. Determine if other suitable areas are available for band ; make e-mail list, teacher to talk to parents and communicate plans

#5 - 6th Grade classroom: discussed various options, limited space restrictions; priority to explore all options Action: DG to look into cost and determine availability of portable classroom.

Issue: Cheri posed the question whether outside groups may have use of the gym for after school activities for a minimal cost, ie: Soccer team needs place to work out. Cheri's husband pays \$25/hr for warehouse. Concerns were addressed regarding liability, cost, lock up, security clearances. Someone must man it, could sweeper cover it, school has priority, open to the public for a fee during these hours,

reserve the right to cut someone loose anytime, must have outs; need to develop contract EO- wants to talk about it next meeting-still a lot to decide before we open the doors.

#6 School lunch: kids and parents have good things to say, still early in process, not enough data to show earnings/cost analysis. Lunch program should be self-sustaining and not be subsidized. Concerns raised about who qualifies for free lunch; status quo for now.

#10 Enrollment: what happens when enrollment drops below 500 students; Olson want to take students year round to keep level at 500.

#7 Faculty breakfast – scheduled for Dec 17th

#11 Technology Report: Havell identified list of Tech needs including servers, computers, software, indicated problems with e-mail. Computers run slow, things get dropped, filters are poor. Needs include a dedicated server room, rack, 2 more servers, plus software, content filtering – suggest total cost around \$ 60k; should hold for 5 years; Lottery program - no standard protocol, no off the shelf lottery software

Other Random Items:

January open house –needs to be pushed – need to establish dates; be prepared with dates next meeting

TA's responded well to new contract, controls in place need to approve XMAS bonus at next meeting.

Map – in courtyard is very slippery when wet. Suggest a clear gritty material on top of it to help w/traction.

All money spent on '07-08 implementation grant was submitted for reimbursement and is expected to be paid back to school end of November