

MINUTES - August 14, 2008

All Board Members present except for David Havell

Merry Report:

PTA Theme-True Colors; reviewed with the board anticipated training on compliance, updates on lunch program, benefit meeting, teaching assistants; Monday morning faculty meeting, how to present themselves, report card standards, 3 commitments, instruction on what to say at parent information meeting, ordering supplies; eduss software – tracks kids in math skills, flag to fly on day one, every single book re-done in library; librarian from Spectrum serving as consultant, rep from Follet, library money to be spent from implementation grant

Challenges: Library not ready for two months, rotation for specialty classes; example of rotation: 1st gr 12:30 – 3:00 art-music-library ; advantage is that whole grade level can plan together in afternoon. Recommendation to hire a PE specialist for two months and pay an hourly wage. Anticipated hours for PE instructor M,T for 3 hours and Wednesday all day. Looking for computer lab specialist; lunch situation concerns, recommends sack lunches until we can do this right; need to inform parents regarding sack lunch, Technology update, wireless being installed, random IT help-limited support, poor communication; Board suggested we need someone here. Discuss w/Havell when he returns from vacation.

Other Agenda/Random Items:

- Update on Refrigerator and oven - should be delivered in next few weeks
- Suggested we pay someone else to scan books, Merry to talk to the librarian to try to split things up; Goal to have functioning Library by end of October, each student to have own library card
- PTA endorsing *3 for Me* requesting 3 hours/year per parent to volunteer for the school; discussed different levels, Cheri had checked out 4 other websites with very different expectations- 6 hrs per month at John Hancock; signing disclaimers; suggest for CRA to sign disclosure with traffic pattern drop off/pick up; sign for dress code too; Parent Volunteers: 20 hours – expectation; strong home community, more effective communication ; list serve not good – need reliable parent e-mail list; use classroom list to combine; ie. Maturation. Teacher/teacher; volunteer to re-do list each year. Teachers responsible to get e-mail, if phone changes, address changes – should be responsibility of room parent, need consistent database throughout school. Brandon- wants to broaden the scope of schools and go beyond the policy and examine the realities of the volunteer program. Suggests we explore exceptional schools with good reputations with a cross section of single parents, married, working parents, etc. and obtain best practices from a number of schools before adopting.
- Attendance policy- standard, formatted, checked statute; can't kick someone out; statute says we can call to take to juvenile court; parental awareness – committing a crime by not resolving truancy problems. Policy needs to get on website

- Board approved capital improvements for carpet replacement in merry's office \$786 and Blinds
- Rejuvenation/re-stripped front parking lot, tree gone
- Signage – check w/Sue L;
- Paint off marquee
- What teachers owns and what school owns
- Volunteers inventory stickers on stuff books; could be eagle project; must have inventory system;
- Enrollment Update as of 5:00 p.m. – 495 students; 72 hr notice; suggestion to change; prefers 48 hrs; change for next year
- Revised Uniform Policy ?– no revision- happy with ours; Regarding enforcement- practices in place to help faculty to enforce it – Amanda in charge
- The technology plan is this. Each Kindergarten room will have 2 computers, Grades 1-5 will have 4 and Grade 6 will have 6.
- Discussion on school supplies; suggestion to have a wish list distributed by teachers, school will help fill in the gap. Teachers are requesting lots of supplies mainly for centers and teaching aides. More requests coming in from lower grades using manipulatives and hands on material. Recommendation: be judicious in spending; board didn't have a specific budget number to give.