

Fowler PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2015

Present:

Co-chairs: Sue Hines and Justine St. John; Treasurer: John Cafarella;

Secretary: Caroline Stearns; Principle: Jeff Mela

Parents: Jenn Edwardson, Kim Silks, Tonya Gomes

Next meeting:

Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 6pm

I. General Business – Jeff Mela

Welcomed the Officers and parents back.

Very good start – kids doing well. Overcoming heat issues. Not all classes have air conditioning. Facilities manager going to get quote for better air conditioners. 4 air conditioners were brought into 3 classes and 1 staff member.

School Events

- 5th grade parent breakfast- 9/8/15
- 4th grade parent breakfast – 9/10/15
- Next week is back to school night – the 16th. More info to go home in next couple days.
- WAVM at picnic – Thursday the 17th. Tentative. PTO to help promote picnic. A lot of community will be invited (selectman, CBC).
- Parent/Teacher conferences – October during the day.

New Food Provider

New food provider is doing well. Sorting through prices. Lot of ala carte things that add up. A bit more expensive. Sorting through it – but food is good. Why to change. Mr. Kinch retired and decision made to change vendors. Few bumps.

New Play Ground

- Tomorrow will be rubber floor – takes few days to sit.
- Possible opening celebration with opening picnic. More info to come home.
- Girl Scouts to build Gaga pit for their Silver award.
- New basket ball rims purchased.

Positions

Technology teacher left, Mr. Sinopoli (Math 7th grade teacher) interested in position.

Transitioning into computer science class. That will leave Grade 7 math teacher position open.

He will stay till we have a fill. Mark Myers will fill in in the interim. Science teacher will be retiring at year end and Mark will then take Science. Need to find strong grade 7 math teacher.

Curriculum additions

- Latin in grade 6 – possible one year thing. Will contribute to a lot of literacy. Possible to include to grade 7. But then offer more languages. Jen Gaudette – curriculum director. This is a learning year to see how the Latin thing goes.
- Offering Chorus – during the day. Would happen during a special. Move some blocks around.

II. Discussion

Meeting schedule

Meet once a month? Change schedule to meet every 6 weeks or every other month? Modify based on schedule – revisit in November.

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Finances

\$932 in the bank.

Upcoming Fund Raisers

- Jeannine Sale – October – Starting 6-20th.
- Hockey Game 11/21 (vs. Notre dame) 11/4 deadline. Selling 10/22
- 175 blocked. \$8 John will work on flyer and have for next meeting.

Supply company – binders and notebooks – keep consistency of keeping 4 different colors not 3 different colors and a repeat. Do a better job with the colors.

Parent questions

- Fowler – what do we do about bullying? Transition time proactive feeling safe. Specific curriculum – responsive classroom model – connections 4 and 5 6& 7 advisory
Community meeting. Teach kids about making good decisions. Small school – so we can be responsive. Bad behavior vs. bullying. Investigation performed if it is bullying vs. bad behavior. Encourage parents to reach out to teacher or principle if a situation is occurring.
- PAARC scores? Voting on if we are doing PAARC vs. MCAS. MCAS in 10th to pass. No scores yet. Possible not to do March test – vs. March and May.