

Leadership Council Minutes
10/25/07

Principal Report

Kindergarten Family Dinner – Marianne Carolyn provided great leadership and organization. Dinner has evolved into a time for kids to do structured activities by class in upper rooms while parents can talk with each other. Next year we will try to have a more structured facilitation of conversation and feedback from kindergarten parents, using facilitation from council members to help get conversations going.

NALT/CALT Waiver

It was a lot of work last year getting waiver forms in. This year Council members will sign a letter as a blanket waiver for the entire school. There was a unanimous vote from all council members present to sign the waiver letter.

Retreat dates are set February 27-28, 2008 – Dunrovin Retreat Center.

Retreat agenda may revolve around the Principles of Learning (district initiative) or a Responsive Classroom certification process.

After School Programs

Wednesdays – 11 kids on bus

Run for another month or so and end the late bus. Buses are just too late at 5:00 PM.

Rus will no longer be needed to supervise the busing needs as Cindy can finish up for the few weeks in November. City bus tokens will continue to be used by teachers.

Next Council Meeting

Steve has conflict – with earlier time Nov. 8th cancelled.

South High reps (Open Pathway) have been here for a meeting

Washburn will come also because of proximity Nov. 8th @ 5:45 PM in Commons

Green Update – Steve Richter met with student council, gave \$500,

Amber and Sara applied for Thrivent Grant \$2,000. Green activities Dec. 13th tentative kick off.

Dave Hockenberry has also applied for grant.

Recycling bins

Trays for lunches

Peggy Clark NRP \$ from East Harriet/Farmstead. They are interested in partnering in some projects. Emily Winter is the East Harriet Neighborhood coordinator.

Rug Raffle

Anne showed photo of rugs, she needs help to stuff envelopes. 5-6 weeks for sales, Nov. 7th send tickets home. Dec. 13th drawing.

Incentives: Input, reviewed last year's incentives

Kate, Amber & Kristin all thought incentives didn't really matter. Each teacher can figure out how to celebrate good participation. Anne will use Amber's room on Thursday, Nov. 1st after school to stuff envelopes. Anne needs larger raffle barrel. Help counting money after.

Website Update

Teacher Pages. 4 teachers up and running; Mark, Jaci, Rebecca, Mary Austin and Kristin.

MPS has district-wide software for all teachers to have a classroom site.

Moving from the Leadership Council site to a regular school site.

Training for teachers at the district level also interested parents to help.

Eventually we will work toward having a general template for all classrooms.

Hopefully move to district software by next school year.

School Start Time

Email from parent to Steve requested that we look at possible change for our school start time:

7:30 – 1:45 for 17 years, many K-8's have 7:30 AM.

We discussed pros and cons of the early and the late start times (9:40 – 3:55 PM). An informal poll at the end of the discussion showed two council members favoring the late start. All others favored the early start. If given the opportunity to have an 8:15 or 8:30 start time, four council members still preferred the early start. The rest were in favor of a change.