

## ACEC BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2014

**Present:** Jean Maurice B\*, Nichole V\*, Jillian A\*, Bobbi Jo C\*, Joanna M\*, Kylie S, Kathleen H, Tammy T\*, Jennie E \*, Lori M,

\*Voting Members

### Joint Meeting with Roosevelt

#### I. Welcome and Introduction

#### II. Principal's Report

##### A. Lockdown drill

1. Full "Lockdown" drill will be held Thursday 2/13
2. Feedback: Talking about the drill has led to some great discussions with the kids and teachers; Teaching common sense to kids;
3. School safety concerns: No panic button; no new glass on doors
4. District safety initiatives (5-year plan): locks have been put on bathroom and additional doors; districts replacing doors throughout some schools; updating video systems to keep on a server;

##### B. Elementary Restructuring

1. Alliance staying put – no changes to Alliance
2. Not a large impact at all to Roosevelt/Alliance; boundaries are the same;
3. Space is still at a premium; meeting with staff this week about accommodating current students with current space restrictions and working with any flexibility we do have;
4. Special Thanks to Student Experience Committee members
  - a. They do so much to bring people together and keep our school community strong ... most recently, the school dance, Randy Peterson (and artist-in-residency each year), book sale, skate nights, movie nights, etc.

#### III. Parent Teacher Conference Meals

- A. Roosevelt – Thursday 2/27 Dinner
- B. Alliance – Friday 2/28 Breakfast

#### IV. School Beautification

##### A. First – Exterior Focus (interior focus next year)

1. Front bed under office windows, between the two front doors
  - a. Idea to wipe out bushes and have a grassy area/outdoor classroom, similar to those at Lakeview and Taft
  - b. Cost would be around \$1,200 for pavers and getting this done
  - c. Mr. VanDuser will measure to figure out what we'll need for pavers, seed, etc.
  - d. As a school, we'll have to figure out what we need to have in the "classroom"
  - e. General consensus is that we would like to see an outdoor classroom at Roosevelt Alliance
2. Under flagpole/tree bed, schools signs
  - a. Weeding, dividing flowers, etc.
  - b. Re-working the signs for Roosevelt/Alliance

- 3. Playground, blacktop, grass area
- 4. Possibility of Edible gardens
  - a. There are organizations that might come on-site to help in the spring to set this up

B. Funding

- 1. Lowe's Tool Box for Education Grant
  - a. \$2,500-\$5,000 grant
  - b. Due 2/14 – 5:00pm; Do grants in fall and winter, so perhaps we can apply again in October
  - c. Mather gathered information, Joanna Morey will fill out grant application and apply under NJSD umbrella
- 2. KC hours for dollars matching
  - a. Open to employees and spouses
  - b. Matches 30 hours of service with \$500 grant
  - c. Contact Mather for details
- 3. Specific drive to raise money for these items
  - a. Sell pavers to families/engrave for specific families
  - b. Quarry Quest gave money to each school because of all the principal helpers; Perhaps we could tie this money in to this as a science theme

V. Books in need of re-shelving

- A. Bags of books need to be put back on the shelves
- B. Parent volunteers are needed; JM, KH and JMB offered to help

VI. Mike Taucher's presentation to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

- A. Parent mentioned that it went very well and were impressed with Mr. Taucher's presentation and introduction
- B. Talked to kids about what they'll need to do (classes, etc.), what they can do (electives), answered questions
- C. Overall, it seemed to be a fun interaction, and high level of enthusiasm on both sides; Very positive presentation and experience.

VII. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade "personal space" talk

- A. Reach Counseling co-presented with Mrs. Wunderlich.
- B. The 3rd graders watched a video, held a conversation about what they saw in the movie, reinforcing personal boundaries, who they can turn to for help, etc.
- C. Quality conversation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group; Took away the appropriate messages;
- D. Questions raised about ID Scanner for school district that are at other schools
  - 1. Alliance does do background checks on classroom volunteers
  - 2. Other security concerns and ideas are things to present to the school board and PJ can bring to the buildings and grounds supervisor and district safety committee;

VIII. Call for Feedback/Experience Committee

- A. Thank you for the dance and help
- B. Send any feedback to Lori or other Experience Committee members
- C. Send any ideas for student experience, such as ideas for next year's "in-residence" program
- D. Skate night next week Wednesday
- E. Save the Date – talent show May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am; Information to follow.

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### I. Welcome and Introduction

### II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of November Minutes (approved via email)

### III. Reports

- A. Principal's Report (Phil Johnson); nothing specific to Alliance

- B. Teacher's Report (Teachers)

- 1. 2/20 science fair

- 1. Planning a bake sale with fair to raise money for field trips
- 2. All classes will be baking, but we're looking for outside bake goods as well
  - a. Needed on 2/19 or 2/20
  - b. Packaged in small zip-lock bags
- 3. We'll also have a popcorn sale
- 4. We're in need of help during the science fair to work the sale; 2 shifts, from 5-6pm and 6-7pm; NV will set up sign-up genius

- 2. WMA conference 3/7 and 3/8 in Milwaukee this year

- 1. At least 5 registering for Saturday
- 2. Friday is school visitation; Breakout sessions in the evening and social hour with other Montessori teachers

- 3. Daily 5 café in Chicago

- 1. Mrs. Cates will be signing up. Will need to register immediately; It's in the budget, so TT says do it

- 4. Parents in the classroom 2/21 from 1-3

- 5. Montessori week end of February

- 1. All classes will be doing activities, some with Roosevelt
- 2. Pennies for peace, making a donation to Children's Hospital

- 6. YPP program is being discontinued

- 1. Two other options Acuity (created by McGraw Hill) and Starfall
- 2. All info from YPP dumped into a new program (Acuity), which will have a lot of the same functions
- 3. No decisions yet on which direction we'll go, but YPP will be gone

- 7. Ten-year celebration

- 1. If a picnic is in the works, the teachers would look at not doing their end-of-the-year picnic; They would like to know if there will be one, but need to know what to move forward with

- C. Education Coordinator

- 1. Alliance Prospect meeting

- 1. 35-40 people; 25 people signed in
- 2. Great volunteer turn out
- 3. Majority KG parents; less than 10 with older kids
- 4. Lots of good questions; explanation of the lottery, etc.
- 5. Couldn't have 2 this year because of district's cold weather school closings, but the one worked out great.

- D. Treasurer's Report (Tammy Tatro)

- 1. 2-year Treasurer term is up at the end of this year; Looking for someone to take over;

2. We received an anonymous donation at the end of last year, and another gift this year, both ear-marked for RIF (Reading is Fundamental); 1 large fundraiser left (knowledge-a-thon)
3. Some large costs coming up
  1. 10-year celebration
  2. Mrs. Connor certification
- E. Parent Reps' Reports (Nichole Verhagen, Kim Krause & Shanda Stachurski, Jennie Eastman-Kiesow) - No news
- F. Chairperson's Report (Jean Maurice Boyer)
  1. Thank yous
    1. Tracy Romzek for her Christmas Lights recycling; 1,100 in revenue for 4600# combined weight
    2. Jennifer Bellin for organizing the ski trip; Hopefully another trip in March
    3. JoAnna and all of the volunteers for the Open House
    4. Weekly help, classroom help, pianos, etc
    5. Becky Allen for creating a performance option for students in December
  2. PJ received an email from a woman who was pleased ("warmed her heart") about the kids' playing at Festival; she set up a meeting to talk about bringing in an author to meet with classrooms
  3. Elementary re-structure
    1. Alliance is not moving
    2. After the restructuring and reopening of TAFT as an elementary school, there will no space for ACE to move into within the district, so we are staying and not expanding
    3. No longer anticipating need for additional funds for a move and materials for expansion
  4. JMB Motion to cover lodging and registration fees not to exceed \$500 for WMA Conference in March; Joanna 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous decision (March 7,8)

#### IV. Agenda Items

- A. Parent/Teacher conference breakfast meal
  1. Someone will put out notification via sign-up genius to organize meal
- B. New Alliance T-shirts
  1. Currently \$869 in stock for those; Ideas for what to do with them?
    1. Clear out inventory at the 10-year anniversary
    2. ½ price or 75% off, any sales are profit at this point
    3. Have the old ones for sale at the conferences
  2. Looking for numbers and ideas for initial stock
    1. Will send out a pre-order form and use those orders as a base
    2. Having the forms with the shirts at conferences
  3. When do we want to have them ready?
- C. Knowledge-a-thon; Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>
- D. Christmas Lights Recycling
  1. Will we do this next year? YES
  2. Check into recycling from Celebration of Lights, Oshkosh;
  3. Will discuss at a later meeting how to manage it next year to make it easier
- E. Resource cabinet materials
  1. Books, CDs, tools, etc. available for check out in the resource cabinet
  2. Hasn't been managed or handled much the past couple of years

3. Should we donate? What could/should we do with those resources? Should we figure out a way to make it more available/utilized here?
4. Teachers will go through and come up with their recommendations for the materials, etc.
5. Other places that we can give materials away ... Children's hospital, etc.

F. 10-year anniversary celebration

1. Keep it simple, keep it located here
2. Date Options: 4-8 June 6<sup>th</sup>; Open house 4-5:30; Friday 5/30, 6/1 as a backup;
3. Open house concept; current and past students, administrators, etc.; everyone welcome to go into the building, mingle within space
4. Remainder of the time would be more of a fun/food focus; Either cater or cook ourselves; KH and JMB looking into food options
5. Fun component
  1. Taking advantage of outside
  2. Creating events that would work for all ages
  3. Renting a bounce house
  4. Open mic/band
  5. 10 stations; ideas for 10s
6. Videotaping the 10 Alliance alums that are NHS seniors and having something for them all before those seniors leave the community
7. Build in a fundraiser? Sell pavers at the celebration?
8. On top of the event, let's work in a community outreach/community involvement project
  1. Participate in the Doty Island cleanup 5/2 in the morning? As a school, gather who we can to clean up
  2. Something that's existing so that people just have to show up
9. Meeting Next Tuesday 8am at Shellates for the group to make some decisions and set a plan into action

V. New Business – to be discussed at the next meeting 3/11 at 6:30

- A. Scholarships that elementary schools offer to high school graduates; should we have one?

VI. Parent Forum/Open Discussion - nothing to discuss

Motion to adjourn: JM

Second: NV

Motion passed; meeting adjourned.