

ACEC BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2014

Present: Jean Maurice B*, Jillian A*, Joanna M*, Kathleen H, Gina C*, Catherine H, Stephanie M*, Nichole V*, Kim K*, Lori M, Erika O,
*Voting Members

Joint Meeting with Roosevelt

- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. Principal's Report
 - A. Parking and Pickup: Safety and congestion concerns
 1. Don't park parallel to street
 2. No parking in handicapped stalls without proper credentials
 3. Never park in the "lined-out" areas of the lots
 4. Do not park other cars in
 5. Suggestions for helping the parking issues
 - a. Circle the block
 - b. Come later (provided your child is aware of the pickup plan)
 - c. Carpool
 - d. Walk/park down the block
 6. Please use common sense and have patience
 - B. Other school safety concerns sent to safety committee; waiting on a response.
 - C. Lost and Found
 1. Please check lost and found for any missing items
 2. Make sure names are on any items brought into school
 - D. Reminder: 11:30 Dismissal on Friday, 3/21; Spring Break 3/24 – 3/28; First day back at school is Monday, 3/31
- III. Chair Persons' Reports
 - A. Outdoor Enhancement Project
 1. Toolbox for education grant was filled out (TY Joanna)
 - a. Lowe's will respond in May; can re-apply if we don't get the \$\$
 2. \$\$ from Quarry Quest for the project (TY Phil Johnson)
 - a. No stipulations for the \$\$
- IV. Outdoor Enhancement Project
 - A. Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant filled out (Thanks to JM!)
 1. Lowe's will respond in May; we can re-apply if we don't get the grant this time
 - B. Quarry Quest Funds (TY Phil Johnson)
 1. No stipulations for this money
- V. School Spruce-Up Committee
 - A. Looking for interested members to join this committee
 1. JMB, SM, JA volunteered during the meeting
 2. MZ will send out a signup genius for this committee
 - B. One project included is sprucing up the teachers' lounge

1. Painting walls
2. Pictures on the walls
3. We are looking for additional ideas and volunteers

VI. Next Meeting – Moved to Tuesday, 4/1

VII. Middle School Musical

- A. Seussical will be playing at the Shattuck Middle School Auditorium at 7pm Thursday (3/13) and Friday (3/14)
- B. Other shows on Saturday (3/15) at 2 and 7pm and 2pm on Sunday (3/16). Come one, come all... you'll have a ball! :)
- C. Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in SEUSSICAL JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. Neenah Middle School's production includes a cast and crew of over 100 students from Shattuck and Horace Mann Middle Schools.
- D. Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased in the office at Shattuck Middle School. These performances have sold out in the past, so get your tickets early.

VIII. BOE Forum sponsored by the Winnebago League of Women Voters

- A. Wednesday (March 12) at 6PM
- B. Neenah Public Library - Shattuck Community Room on the 1st floor
- C. 6 candidates running for 4 spots
 1. Peter Kaul, Michelle Swardenski and Scott Thompson
 2. Tom Hanby, Margaret Murphy and John Van Meter
 3. Forum will consist of:
 - a. Opening Statement (3 minutes)
 - b. Audience-submitted written questions
 - c. Candidate responses (2 minutes per question)
 - d. Closing Statements (2 minutes each)

IX. 5th Grade Breakfast - Thursday, June 5th

- A. Looking for interested 4th grade parents to help

X. Thank you (from teachers) for the conference meals

XI. Pennies for Peace

- A. \$184.12 raised for Childrens' Hospital of Wisconsin
- B. Mrs. Ruthven's class had the winning container, and now has possession of the Peace Pole

ACEC Board Meeting

I. Welcome and Introduction

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of February Minutes
 1. NV Motion; KK second; motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

- A. Principal's Report (Phil Johnson); nothing specific to Alliance
 - 1. Lottery Wednesday (3/12) at 1:00pm instead of Friday to better prepare for the boundary exemption meeting next week
 - 2. No 4/5 applicants to Alliance this year
 - 3. Applicants for 3rd, 2nd and 1st (waiting list for 2nd and 1st)
 - 4. Kindergarten
 - a. With a class size next year of 22, there are 8 siblings, and 32 applicants for the remaining 14 spots
- B. Teacher's Report (Teachers)
 - 1. Rug cleaning – RR still needs her rugs cleaned. NV will take care of making sure this gets done
 - 2. Parent resource cabinet
 - a. Putting some games in DS classroom
 - b. Video resources cataloged in library, so they're still accessible, just in a different way
 - c. Idea brought up about donating some of the materials to the Neenah Public Library as another place for parents to find these reference materials
 - d. Looking at getting another reference for parents (*Tomorrow's Child*) for KG parents (KH will look at cost for this); Teachers will talk about this in their Friday meeting
 - 3. Quilts
 - a. Waiting on a couple of them from GC, RR, EC
 - b. 5 to 6 quilts total
 - c. JM will sew together squares for one of the remaining quilts
 - d. What should we do with the quilts?
 - i. Keep them for display at Alliance
 - ii. Possibly choose one for the District Office Building
 - 4. Montessori conference in Milwaukee
 - a. The information was well received
 - b. Great breakout sessions about math materials and writing ideas
 - c. Keynote speaker was very interesting and spoke about her desire to bring Montessori into mainstream education
 - 5. Discovery Education - DENapalooza
 - a. Free program that RR, JL and EC plan to attend in Milwaukee on Saturday, April 5th
 - b. Teachers are currently using Discovery Education Online Subscription program in the classroom
 - c. Conference will touch on new ways to use Discovery Education in the classroom using iPads, 3D printing, digital storytelling and more
 - d. JM motion to pay for gas; JMB 2nd
 - 6. 4/5 Classrooms attended TAO at PAC
 - a. Performers did a great job with the kids, walking them through all of the instruments as well as doing the actual performance
- C. Education Coordinator (Joanna Morey) – no new items to discuss
- D. Treasurer's Report (Tammy Tatro) – no new items to discuss

- E. Parent Reps' Reports (Nichole Verhagen, Kim Krause & Shanda Stachurski, Jennie Eastman-Kiesow) – no new items to discuss
- F. Chairperson's Report (Jean Maurice Boyer)
 - 1. Again, a thank you for the conference meal. It was nice to see teachers eating and spending time together.

IV. Agenda Items

- A. Lottery Clarification
 - 1. Approved via email, to include an addendum defining "sibling" for the purpose of the lottery
 - 2. The addendum reads: For the purpose of ACEC lottery, a sibling by definition meets any one of these: A child sharing the same parent/legal guardian; Biological/adoptive sibling; Stepsibling residing in the same household; Foster children residing in the same household
- B. Knowledge-a-thon
 - 1. Practice tests sent to JL
 - 2. Teachers will mark 25 appropriate questions and will send a master copy of the test to JMB by 4/9
 - 3. JMB has a sample to work from for sending out the information/notification to parents, which will happen before Spring Break
- C. 10-year Anniversary Celebration
 - 1. Date is set for Friday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m.
 - a. Y-Care has been moved to the Y that day
 - b. An open-house format will run from 4:00 until 5:30pm where classrooms will be open and teachers will be available
 - 2. Weather permitting, we will rent inflatables, host live music provided by a student band, and run field activities; If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be held inside, utilizing the gym and multipurpose room
 - 3. There will be a charge for the event. We will reach out to past staff and alumni, past and current board members and administrators, as well as Roosevelt families to get an estimate on the number of people planning to attend
 - a. \$5 per person with a cap at \$20 per family
 - 4. Food choices will be simple: Pizza or something like it
 - a. Ideas needed for food delivery times; Parents choose when to order? How to keep food hot?
 - b. Cookies/Cakes/Cupcakes/etc
 - c. Meeting Tuesday, 3/18, 8:00 a.m. at Shellates
 - 5. Other ideas for the event
 - a. Balloon release, or something similar to tie into the hopes and dreams for the future
 - b. Planting a tree
 - 6. Some areas in which we are in need of volunteers to help:
 - a. Invitations/publicity (JA Volunteered)
 - i. Put the date on the site
 - ii. Make the invite and post it on the site
 - iii. Make a banner to post on the site along with a news article
 - b. Food committee

- c. Music (LM)
 - d. Inflatables/entertainment (EA will sponsor, but need people to staff)
 - e. Decorations
 - f. Setup/Cleanup
 - g. Graduate videos (senior class) (JA Volunteered)
 - i. Teachers should pull out pictures, etc. from annual video
 - 7. In collaboration with the anniversary celebration, we would still like to do a community-focused volunteer event, like the 5/2 Doty Island clean-up
 - 8. At skate night, Thursday, 3/20, we will hold a meeting at 6:00 about the celebration to bring in more volunteers and ideas for the celebration; Contact person will be KH
- D. NHS scholarships
- 1. Not too late for us to do one this year
 - 2. Arguments against committing to scholarship:
 - a. Money – if we choose to proceed, we need to stay committed to it
 - b. Money raised for PTO should be used for current Alliance students and teachers
 - c. Because we are a charter, we rely on parents and PTO money;
 - d. Philosophical reasons: is it part of the Montessori philosophy to single out ONE person to give the award to?
 - 3. Arguments for committing to scholarship
 - a. This year is our first set of seniors to graduate, as well as the 10-year anniversary of Alliance
 - b. Some seniors feeling left out not seeing Alliance on the list of elementary schools for scholarships
 - c. If all of the other schools are, should we be posting a scholarship as well?
 - d. We are part of NJSD and the Neenah Community. Could this scholarship help validate us as part of those communities?
 - e. Public perception
 - 4. If we choose to sponsor a scholarship, where does that money come from?
 - a. Fundraising
 - b. Donation
 - c. Other existing PTO dollars?
 - 5. What requirements should we have for students to be considered eligible for scholarship?
 - a. Those students best demonstrating or living the Montessori philosophy
 - 6. Other ideas
 - a. Recognize all graduates with a book, t-shirt or other item rather than one scholarship
 - b. Would teachers be willing to write a card or a letter to these graduating seniors?
 - c. Teachers will talk about this, and we will re-visit at our next meeting
- V. New Business – to be discussed at the next meeting (4/1 at 6:30 p.m.)
- A. Scholarships* (discuss and vote)
 - B. 10-year anniversary celebration

- VI. Parent Forum/Open Discussion – no new items to discuss
- VII. Motion to Adjourn (JM); 2nd Motion (JMB); Meeting Adjourned;