

ACEC BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2014

Present: Kim K*, Jill A*, Jean Maurice B, Melissa C*, Rhonda R*, Gina C*, Joanna M*, Therese P*, Summer E, Jennie E*, Betsy W, Phan H, Kris M, Jennifer B, Karen O

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I. Welcome and Introduction

II. Reports

A. Principal's Report (Melissa C)

1. Class lists were posted on the doors last week
2. Mrs. Lennon's room has moved – she's now in Mr. Schultz's old room by the library
3. Registration is tomorrow, 8/21
4. Open House/Back to School is Wednesday 8/27

B. Teacher's Report (Teachers)

1. Math screen testing and exercise program has changed
2. Some changes to the writing curriculum have led to modifications in the ACE writing curriculum to align to Montessori and Common Core.
3. Summer was spent updating Albanese materials and updating curriculum
4. We will be integrating a recycling program in our classrooms, that can also be used as a fundraiser; More on this at a future meeting.

C. Education Coordinator (Joanna M)

1. Student Handbooks have been updated and will be distributed to new families at Back to School event
2. School grounds grant was approved and we're in the process of working on the outdoor classroom; planters should be ready the first week of school

D. Treasurer's Report (Nichole V) – nothing new to report at this time

E. Parent Reps' Reports – no new items to discuss

F. Chairperson's Report (Kim K) – nothing new to report at this time

III. Agenda Items

A. Secretary Position Open

1. Nomination for Therese P as secretary; KK made a motion to appoint Therese to secretary position; JEK second; unanimous approval; motion passed

B. IXL software purchase

1. This will be in addition to Albanese materials
2. Teachers spent time updating the curriculum this summer
3. Look at the license agreements and make sure only those that are licensed are using it and that we have enough licenses for those who would like to use it, mainly in the 4/5 classrooms

C. Mobi

1. District has chosen STAR as their testing program in place of YPP
2. Additional exercises and materials from Mobi will be used in place of YPP in the 1/2/3 classrooms

3. There will be links that are available for students to access these tools at home as well as at school
- D. Honoring Elders Program
1. DS invited photographer to work with the 4/5 classrooms on photography, how to use a camera, etc., and a project with the Island Shores community
 2. DS asked that ACEC pay for her travel expenses to and from Green Bay
 3. KK motion to provide payment for her travel expenses using scrip; GC second motion; Unanimous vote; motion approved
- E. Family Picnic
1. Sunday 8/24, 5pm at Doty Park
- F. Providing Lunch for Teachers
1. RO will provide breakfast on Thursday, 8/28; Alliance would like to provide lunch Wednesday 8/27;
 2. Teachers will sign up on Monday 8/25 in the office for Subs; JA will order and pick up for 8/27.
- G. Back-to-school night
1. Sign up genius set up for volunteering during this event
 2. We will have volunteer sheets at back to school night to have parents sign up for different areas to volunteer
 3. Sign-ups in the classroom for using parents as enrichment resources
- H. Volunteer training
1. We'll hold a volunteer night and training for new parents
 2. September 30, 2014 – Plan for meeting at 6:30
 3. Volunteer forms will be out during back-to-school for background checks
- I. Quilts
1. Quilts were made two years ago for Montessori week
 2. We're looking for ideas of things to do with them; raffle, silent auction, gift, etc.
 3. ACEC should move forward with getting the license for a raffle
- J. Original Art
1. Have the art teacher work with classes to create original art
 2. One idea is doing this process on a Friday afternoon, using parent help
- K. Teacher Collaboration time makeup
1. We are going to see how it goes this year and make plans in the future if we need to for regaining that collaboration time
 2. Next year there are potential changes coming, so we can look at it at the end of this year when we have an indication of the schedule next year
- L. APM/UPM Outreach
1. KK will reach out to the PTO families of APM and UPM
 2. UPM has dissolved without a 7-12 option; APM is K-6
 3. KK wanted to look at new fundraisers; They submit box tops, use United Community, etc.
- M. Fundraising
1. United Community (Credit Card sign up) – we will talk more about this next month
 2. Target CC – If you have one, designate ACE as your school
 3. Plant Sale – Fall, Winter and/or Spring possibility to be added to the fundraising calendar

4. Walk-a-thon – September 26, 2014; Lori Murphy is putting this together;

N. Community Garden Update

1. Seeking ideas and funding for placement of the garden and getting it rolling
2. Looking to get the Peace Pole placed out before registration tomorrow

O. Reading Buddies

1. MC has reached out to Island shores about future relationships
2. RR has reached out to YMCA for similar program

P. Read 20 (reading incentive program)

1. A new way to promote reading 20 minutes a day
2. T-shirt purchase for all students that say “Read 20”
3. Wear them on the 20th of each month to promote reading
4. This could be brought up with the student enrichment committee
5. Talk to KS about the costs of those t-shirts

Q. Community Building Activities

1. First Day Coffee 9/2
2. Fun Fridays
3. Coffee Dates/Wine/Dinner/Social time

R. Childcare during the meetings this year

1. Parent or older children as an option
2. Different activities for the children would be available
3. Hold a sign-up for the meetings
4. AB will talk to someone at the high school for possible volunteers

S. Field Trip fund

1. No policy has been established at this point
2. Intent was more/enriching field trips; but we could eliminate field trip costs

IV. Parent Forum/Open Discussion

A. Lunchtime changes/schedule

1. We will now have three lunch rotations, fewer people in class, etc.
2. Each class will go outside before lunch
3. Teachers all had a say on the rotation and how it would work for their students

V. New Business – to be discussed at the next meeting (9/9 at 6:30 p.m.)

JA motion to adjourn; JEK 2nd; Meeting adjourned 11:39am;