

LPA 5.8.13

Board Minutes

In Attendance: Bill Stoddart, Kerry Williams, Johnna Visser

SR2S (Safe Routes to School) – District initiative

- Role of LPA going forward is \$500 line item in budget
- Beth Antonopolous will run June Walk/Bike to School Day
- Check in with Beth A/Nancy/Johnna re: T &C and Rockford to get invoiced for SR2S
 - o Pass along to Beth
 - o How to use the LPA contribution for SR2S

Communication Coordinator/Secretary

- Need Job Description
- Suggested people to ask for next year:
 - o Sarah Carothers
 - o Myriah Marsh
 - o Lisa Roos

Family meal night/Olweus night

- Becca Spear (school nurse) will address at larger meeting

Movie night

- Pizzas (\$12/pizza) – 30 pizzas/10 leftover – charge \$1/slice
 - o Or break even on pizza
- 50 total in attendance, bad luck with timing as it was a great sunny day
- Popcorn - \$0.25/bag – charged \$57 for machine and popcorn
 - o Free refill of popcorn if had own water bottle
- Capri Sun – made \$\$
- Movie – Cost \$20

Johnna will send out Volunteer sheet prior to end of year

LPA Meeting 5.8.13

In attendance:

Bill Stoddart
Kerry Williams
Anna Galindo
Mark Hodgson
Kristin Taylor
Douglas Fischer
Paige Wyatt
Myriah Marsh
Danielle Seybert – Sac PAC
Holly Eiden – Sac PAC
Gordon Grissom – Sac Principal
Randy Walthall
Johnna Visser
Becca Spear

Family Meal Night

Becca Spear – School nurse

Longfellow Family meal night

Why are family meals so great? Lots of data to back up good outcomes

Combine Olweus update and Family meal night

- Get choir/orchestra
- In Gym
- Statistics for why family meals are so helpful
- Email for arranging food, etc
 - o \$5-\$6/person? Pre-order, bring own salads and beverages
 - o Sweet Pea Bakery
 - o Fresco
- Katie Bark at MSU Nutrition program suggested pasta, salad, milk from Darigold
- May 28th
- Need volunteers to serve and need big entrée item

Agreed that probably fall would be better from a timing standpoint although concern that might limit Olweus turnout

Flyer for family meal night from Katie B and Laura St. John

- Family meal recipes with information in Friday folders

Think about budget for Family Meal Night for Fall

Intro to Sac and Middle School experience

- Gordon Grissom (Principal) – background
 - Help smooth transition by providing access points to make it more comfortable
 - May 31st – Invited to Sac for ½ day “Shadow Day”
 - Regular pick up and drop off (students get bussed)
 - All incoming students split into 2 groups
 - Just get them there and give them a first look at the school facility
 - What is Middle School like?
 - How is it different?
 - Time with panel of 6th graders
 - I used to do this, now I do this
 - Work with locks/lockers
 - Time in cafeteria for lunch experience
 - June 1st – Whole Family Ice Cream Social
 - With student council kids and teachers
 - August 22nd – Time to visit school to meet teachers, get gym clothes, get oriented, etc
 - “Falcon it Right” – Service Organization at Sac
 - Go Senior Centers to spend time with seniors
 - Also go to Morningstar to read to kids in after-school program
 - Peer mediation
 - Start clubs in fall, so don’t worry if don’t get going right away, although some do require applications for activities
 - Intramural sports, student council, music, yearbook, robotics, art club, etc all can happen in the Fall
 - Helps kids feel more like they belong

218 6th graders – some rotation among teachers and classes

Focus on building relationships within smaller learning communities that are part of the whole

Holly Eiden and Danielle Seifert, PAC Co-Chairs

In MS, most of volunteering is outside of classrooms for larger cohort within school (team, schoolwide activities)

- PAC leads all volunteer activities for whole school
 - Monthly PAC meetings
 - 2nd Mondays at noon
 - Officers Board with chairs for various activities
- School “store” run by PAC (snacks, school supplies, etc)

- Need Co-Presidents and Secretary
- Great way to learn about the school
- Have a complete binder for all things the PAC is involved with

August 22nd is a big day – Schedule pick up day

- If you volunteer, you get your kids schedule first
- Great day to be there with kiddo to do forms, residency, etc
- Bring checkbook for agenda, t-shirts, spirit wear
- Parents need to come to get schedule

No after-school program for students

- Clubs/Intramurals are some activities that could accommodate need
- No transportation to/from after-school activities
- Open to a program for after-school need
- Sometimes kids can get dropped off at music lesson or practice if coordinate (needs to get set up in advance) with district and talk with Vance Ruff to determine how to use district transportation resources!
 - o Get signed up!!
 - o Need to get approved ahead of time for scheduling purposes
 - Assigned seats on given days

Powerschool – Online access for parents to view student report card

- 6th grade in particular – teachers seem to be very patient

CTR – Chance to Recover at lunch and after school to help students get assignments done

- If kids don't do it, kids don't learn, so we want them to do it and give them opportunity to do so

Grading is still traditional, but moving toward proficiency and breaking out other aspects (habits, discipline, etc) Learning is a process and how to incorporate that

6th grade and other grades in Advisory period first 30 minutes on Mon and Friday, ACCESS on T- Th for enrichment, makeup work, etc

SMS counselors meet with 5th grade teachers to get sense of child's needs. Can call to relay information about your child, but won't know which counselor will be assigned until beginning of school.

A Team and B Team for 5 core subjects taught by team of teachers

- 4/7 of kids on one team, 3/7 on other to keep teacher/student ratios

Principal's Report

Mr. Walthall

- Sewer will be replaced this summer
 - o Opportunity to redo front landscaping
 - Anyone who might want to help should contact Mr. Walthall

Grant funds to redo bike rack after remodel is done

Revised mid-trimester reports

New report cards 3x/yr

- Teacher conferences to help line parents out
- From Common Core adoption

Ice cream social on the Sneak Peak day (3:30 or so) on August 27th.