

Caroline Elementary School
Building Site Based Council

Chairperson: Amy.
Facilitator: Alaine
Timekeeper: Danielle

1/14/08

Introductions: Alaine Troisi: Principal Danielle Rottenstein: Grade 5
Jocelyn Blizzard: Specialist Gary Stewart: Parent Rep
Sarah Tarrow: Parent Rep Chuck Loins Amy Seldin: PE teacher

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved

3. Positive Observations:

- Sock Hop next week, really excited about it. Also next Tuesday Band and Orchestra Concert.
- PTA book exchange is tonight they are bringing the books with them.
- We had 5 new first graders, 4 new second graders, 1 third and 1 fourth since the beginning of the school year.
- Renovations: Elaine has a meeting this week to discuss time frame to talk about the project with site base, teachers. Will include new roof, siding, parking lot, and playground. What type of style of playground? Like what we have had or like BJM.
- Jane Clark's class has entered a poetry contest for MLK
- PALS screening on literacy. Gives meaningful info to see growth.
- Basketball no game MLK weekend. This weekend played South Hill first half we not very positive got a bit down. Students we talked to about sportsmanship and came back and did a great job. The fourth graders doing great scored 70 points in last game.

4. Public Statement:

- Judy Maxwell is at the doctor
- K registration is coming up. How many are feeding from Caroline.
- Group started for international students at Cornell. Have roster of things they can talk about. Not only lectures. Handel all scheduling and costs. Real tool for teachers. For public schools and they can come in and talk about issues that are going on in class.
- Planning meeting this Thursday at Clarion to figure out where the next step should be about what has been going on in the High School. Trying to push transportation issues.
- Invited someone from Caroline concerned parents to come to our meeting did not get in touch. Getting in touch with Linda Crispell to invite to our next meeting.

5. Acting Committee Review (Write-On-Julie, Tech-Danielle, School Climate-Amy, Math, Social Committee-Judy, Equity-Amy, Placement-Janet)

Write on: Ordering rest of the rest of the books for Lucy Calkins

Tech: 5th grade doing digital storytelling again

Climate: Planning for winterfest **still dependent on snow**

Math: Need to reschedule math night because of the snow

Equity: MLK materials, working of recourses. Assigned a value to each grade. (5th grade: inclusion, 2th grade: respect etc) Will be an assembly date TBA.

Social: Very good turn out at holiday. A lot of people who typically have not come in the past were there. Jenny Lovejoy's sister has just passed away Caroline faculty has been helping out dinners on Fridays. Sharon Nelson is home and working on baby showers, working on engagements.

Question what is the prep: Did the posting hiring process. Social worker came in and parents came in to meet the teacher. Had two transition days so sub can be with the classroom teacher.

Sandy Stone is coming in for Julie. Coming in every Monday to get experience. Still looking for someone for Mrs. Keating.

6. Pertinent Issues Parent Input:

Gary: See attached handouts. Always wondered if site base is worth doing or just because we are supposed to. Perturbed by amount of service in NYS EDU department. Feels only going to work if parents are interested in making it work. IN Jerico NY Things that they have done over the years have been listed. This might be starting points for future conversations. Some site base councils used to do the hiring practices. In Ithaca we used to do that 17 years ago. Under the right circumstances site base could be a powerhouse.

Parent input forms:

One parent form was returned.

Question: Is there a specific HW policy:

- Each individual teacher has own HW policy which is addressed during curriculum night.
- Teachers are more then willing to accommodate individual homework policies.
- Discussion about how heavy hw can be in middle school and how we are preparing the students for that
- At times older grades do have students in for recess.

Question: Cultural questions on celebrating holiday:

- See district policy.

Question: Don't shortchange recess

- Try to do the best we can to try to ensure students go out every day for recess. If not to cold to stand outside for the bus why can't they go outside for recess? We will investigate this further.

Indoor Recess: Can we have more opportunities for gross motor movement?

- May alternate K and 1 for indoor recess. K is a lot of them and high energy. It is just not safe right now. If we have parent volunteers it might be a possibility, but right now it is just Amy with the three classes.

- Videos should be educational. Teacher can possibly make a list of educational videos to help with indoor recess.

Wanted sports teams basketball to change from Sunday to Saturday. Said he wrote an email but did not get any response. We do not know who he emailed. Gary contacted the parent who responded. (Gary has contacted parent was confused).

7. Next Agenda:

- Discuss 50th anniversary discuss with staff members
- Building project

8. Process Observation: Thought process was great. Everyone contributed. Discussed some touchy subjects and everyone added their point.

9. Adjourn: No later than 3:30

Dates: Nov. 19, Dec.10, Jan.14, Feb.11, March 10, April 21, May 12, June 9