

NAC Meeting

12 September 2006

Chair: Chris Kacoroski (Ski) began meeting at 7:04 pm

Welcomed us to a new year at Northstar. Gave an “Orchid” (special thanks) for those who organized and helped at the back to school picnic.

Secretary: Cassie Heaton

A motion was made by Bob Herold to approve the minutes from the June meeting, and was seconded by Loring Murray. The motion passed.

Principal: Gayle Cudworth

Great start to the school year thanks to parent involvement and a phenomenal staff. Looking forward to a great year.

Head Teacher: Bob Herold

Thanks for the picnic, it was a big success. We still need volunteers for Friday’s field trip to the EMP/Sci-Fi Museum. Looking forward to a great year with good kids.

Treasurer: Skip Felts

Did not have a budget to hand out yet, it is still a work in progress. Teachers are working on their “wish list” items. The budget will be finalized and approved by the board and will then be submitted to NAC for final approval by the membership.

Committee Chairs

Landscaping: Loring Murray

Loring has been here for 7 years and started the campus gardens during her tenure. The gardens came about through donations of materials and labor from Dunn Lumber, various Boy Scouts (Eagle projects) and lots of parent help. There are three positions on the Landscaping committee: Hardscape – Richard, Clip and Clean – Pam Felts, and Donations Coordinator – Loring. These positions will need to be filled after this year. The first Clip and Clean will be September 27. We will start planting the courtyard in October or November, depending on weather. There will be 2 or 3 more Clip and Cleans during the year. Parents are also encouraged to stop by and do gardening whenever the urge strikes, all help is welcome.

Garage Sale: Tia Scarce

The garage sale is held in May to offset the costs of the big, end of year field trip. Tia is looking for volunteers to help coordinate and run this big event. This will also be her last year so we will need a replacement for her after this May’s sale.

Old Business: Ski

We still need to fill a few volunteer positions:

Conference Week Coordinator: Would coordinate volunteers to make sure that all the time slots for conference week are filled with activities/speakers, that there are parents scheduled to supervise each classroom, help to get the activities themselves planned. Ski ran this last year, if you are interested and have any questions regarding this position, please talk to Ski.

Community Building Committee Coordinator: The 4 support group reps form the core of the committee. This committee organizes events and activities for the kids and the parents. Examples are the Coffee Klatches, talent show and spaghetti feed, ginger bread house making, picnic, Thanksgiving feast and graduation. Some of these activities have their own coordinators, such as graduation, the Community Building coordinator just

overseas the “big picture” in terms of scheduling, reserving the building, running meetings. If you are interested and have any questions, please talk to Loring.

Grant Writing: This would be a new position. If anyone is interested there are free grant writing seminars offered by the Lake Washington Schools Foundation. The LWSF is also a good resource for determining appropriate grants available.

Public Relations: Produce press releases for local papers such as the Kirkland Courier. A student could help with this but any written material would have to be carefully edited by an adult before submission.

Co-Officer Shadow: If you are interested in taking over one of the NAC board positions in the future, you could “shadow” the current officer to learn the job over the course of this school year. This would help you determine if it is the right position for you and learn the job.

New Business

Kelly Hoak is looking for any kids interested in joining the music ensemble or choir at ICS. These groups meet at ICS after school.

Connie should have the school contact list ready within about a week.

Reminders:

Read the minutes online prior to next NAC meeting to facilitate approval.

<http://schools.lwsd.org/nsjh/Articles/NAC/Meetings.asp> and click the appropriate meeting date.

Print out the agenda prior to next meeting and bring it with you.

<http://schools.lwsd.org/nsjh/Articles/NAC/index.html> and click on Agenda.

Next NAC meeting: 10 October, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Heaton

Please contact me with any corrections at heatoncontrol@msn.com , Thank you.