

NAC Meeting

May 8, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:10

Minutes for March were approved.

Orchids: To those who have stepped up for positions for next year. To Annette for all the articles she has submitted to the Kirkland Courier.

Summer School: Discussing the possibility of a four week session of summer school here at Northstar. With a fun theme but the work would be worth school credit. Not for this summer but for summer 2008, looking for feedback from parents and students. The cost would be the same as any summer school offered by the district. Contact Danielle S_____ with questions or feedback.

Principal's Report: Gail is retiring and will be replaced by the high school's administration. The new superintendent, Chip Turnbull, decided the new administration structure. The staff were hoping for a new principal to replace Gail. The fear is that the choice schools would lose their freedom with curriculum and their basic autonomy if they do not have a dedicated principal. The superintendent assured the staff that this would not happen. The staff will be meeting with the high school vice- principal that will have responsibility for Northstar, Nell Ballard-Jones, to assert their desire to maintain our autonomy and our status as a true choice school, the heart of what makes us different from the mainstream schools. The principal, Brad Malloy, will also be part of our oversight. So far they are viewing the changes with guarded optimism.

The plans are moving forward on the design process for the new school.

Teacher's Report: Progress reports coming out Monday. Field trip on Thursday. The kids will have \$8 to cover the cost of the tram and lunch, they may bring more of their own money but will have something to cover basic food costs.

Treasurer's Report:

Community Building: Still looking for help for staff appreciation week. Need a parent from Janet's room for the Monday lunch. The sign-ups for the kids talent is going very well, lots of kids signed up so far.

Conference Week: Preparations are going well so far. Looking for parents to sign up to help in any way, from little bits to lots of help.

Garage Sale:

New Business: President for next year is , Secretary Cassie Heaton, Treasurer Skip Felts. Most of the coordinator positions have been filled. We will vote at the June meeting.

Our councilor, Andrea, has informed Bob that her grant money is running out. She has funding only through May 25th. She may cut back her hours to extend her availability. If there is any interest, it would take \$900 to extend her service through the end of the school year. Discussion about which services could be done without and which services should be continued. Skip was not present to give us budget information. Suggested that we check with Skip on available funds, check with Andrea about priority services, and a decision will be made via email.

Next meeting, June 12, 2007.

Adjourned 8:00