

## NAC Meeting

September 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

### **Welcome**

**Orchids:** Sandy for coordinating the back to school picnic and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade event and also for opening the family business, Pump It Up, for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade party.

### **School Redevelopment Report:**

**Teacher's (Bob Herold) Report:** Gave a brief overview of the proposed building plans.

**LWSD Head of the LWS Community (David Larson) Report:** David is the head of the LW High School learning community which consists of all the elementary and junior high schools that feed into the high school, as well as BEST, Northstar, and Stella Schola. During the full process of the redesign of LWHS Northstar has been considered as an integral part of the community and new design. In order to avoid serious cost overruns due to project delays, the project needs to move forward at speed. In order to do this, Northstar will have to be moved to a new site during construction. We will remain on the LW campus but there are different options. Over the next few months all the options must be considered so that the decision can be made in time to relocate the school over the summer. In addition to relocating Northstar there are approximately 7 classrooms in the high school that will also need to relocate. Northstar, being a school, will take priority to maintain its cohesive nature.

**Coming Year Report:** Calendar was presented. It is available on the web site if you didn't get a copy tonight. We are looking to form committees of interested parents for a few of the specific events coming up this fall, please sign up with your name and email.

**Treasurer's Report:** The final budget figures were completed just after the last NAC meeting for last year. We came in about \$100 over budget on staff allocations. There is at present about \$7000 in the NAC account so the overage can be covered. Bruce Clouse moved that we approve the change to the budget line item, seconded by Sandy Roberts. Motion was carried.

In the past NAC has given the teachers \$100 each, in the fall and again in the spring for discretionary spending for their students. It was moved, seconded and carried.

**Field Trips:** (France Giddings) Let her know if you are interested in helping with field trips, send her your email address. Our first field trip is the park clean-up on September 26 (tentative date). Our October trip is October 25 to Inteman theater to see *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

**Ski and Snowboard Program:** Usually starts 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January and goes for 6-7 weeks. We need to get a head count of interested students to get a bus ordered.

**Activity Night:** There are three "dances" through the year. Halloween, Valentine's and Graduation theme. There is very little dancing, it really is an activity evening for the kids to hang out and have fun together.

**Landscaping Committee** (Loring Murray): Given that our school will be dismantled at the end of the year, the landscaping committee has a different focus. We would like to have an auction to sell off the plants and materials that we have placed in the school gardens over the last few years. If any body is interested in helping with running the auction, contact Loring.

**Conference Week,** (Cindy Plamondon and Leah Morris): Looking for ideas for activities, parent volunteers or research into possible activities etc to make conference week the really fun and interesting time it has been in the past.

**Grant Committee** (Ann Boone): Looking for help from any one who may know of grants that are available, or has experience writing grants.

**New Business:** We need a co-chair to help Richard. Mainly to shadow to get to know the job and to help cover when Richard can't make it to meetings.

There are concerns about Northstar kids not getting math and foreign language classes at the high school. The district has an obligation to see to the needs of the children for math classes. The ability of junior high students to take foreign language classes has always been on a space available basis. This year the

district has made an effort to cut “excess” staff which has put pressure on the ability of all the high schools to open up classes to other students. The district is holding to a ratio of 1 teacher to each 24.5 students and has cut about 20 teaching positions district wide. In order to accommodate foreign language needs the next step would be to have a meeting with LW principal Brad Malloy and David Larson. An email or a point in This N That will keep everyone informed about what the next step will be to resolve the foreign language issues.

Next meeting, October 9 2007

Adjourned 8:20 pm