

## NAC Meeting

January 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

The meetings for November 2007 were approved subject to noted changes. The web copy will reflect the voted changes.

**NAC Bylaw Update (Ski):** The updated bylaws will be posted on the website for review before voting for approval. Ski handed out an outline which discussed the changes section by section.

**Teacher's Report (Bob Herold):** Thank you to parent helpers.

The school re-location update: The current plan is to move the portables as discussed during November meeting. Hoping to configure them in a quadrangle again to maintain a courtyard for gatherings. There should still be some field space for the kids to play during the day. Water is still an issue. They are talking about providing bottled water. Science classes will most likely take place in a high school classroom. There would be issues if we changed our schedule: our class schedule would not mesh with the high school for those attending classes there and the metro bus schedules would also not match.

The vandalism that occurred in the fall fell just short of breakage. There were posters super glued to walls, spray paint and obscenities written. All staff were targeted. Some leads have been developed. Bob proposed we offer a reward of around \$100 for information. The pros and cons were discussed. It was moved and seconded to provide a \$100 reward and left it to Bob and Nell to agree on the final wording of the notice for the reward. The Continuous Improvement Plan is a written response to the testing data for Northstar students. Bob has been preparing it and it will be made available for review when he is finished. As a general rule Northstar students perform better than the district average and far above state averages.

**Conference Week Update (Leah Morris):** Conference week classes are seminars that give the kids interesting topics to study while giving the teachers time to run parent conferences. The classes are run by parent volunteers or outside sources. In addition to the parents running the classes we also need volunteers to help with supervision. If you are interested in coordinating this next year now is a good time to start shadowing the current committee members.

**Treasurer's Report (Skip Felts):** Still waiting for dues from a small percentage of families. Corporate contributions are starting to come in as well. If you work for Microsoft, PLEASE turn in your forms! We need to remember that the transportation costs for field trips are very late in being billed. So, our final field trip costs are higher than they look until all bills are in by the end of the year.

**Field Trip:** France has scheduled a walking tour of the International District for the February trip. The Win Luc museum is closed for re-location so will not be part of the tour.

**Ski and Snowboard Program:** The first ski trip will take place tomorrow. Please make sure that your kids have all their gear, passes, money etc.

**Landscape committee:** We are beginning the dismantling of the garden. Connie wants to keep the rock with the plaque here and see if the district will move it for us. We are also thinking of conducting the plant sale in conjunction with the garage sale. We will have a clean up in February including weeding and pruning with the re-potting to take place in April just before the garage sale. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping at 6:00 pm before next month's NAC meeting.

You should be getting an email soon from your support group representative to schedule your parent teacher conference times.

Loring is doing a memory board project for conference week and she needs fabric and ribbons etc. 22"x24" is the minimum size for the fabric pieces and 3 yards is the minimum for ribbon. Drop off items in the office.

**Orchids:** To Ski for re-vamping the by-laws. To Molly for stepping up to coordinate the Thanksgiving feast.

**New Business:** It is time to start planning the Valentine's Dance on February 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in chaperoning or preparing food, please sign up!

If you have questions about the calendar, please check the web site. The May field trip has changed from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting, February 12, 2008

Adjourned 8:20 pm