

NAC Meeting

October 14, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

The minutes for September were not available for approval.

Welcome to all, we have great attendance tonight due to having curriculum night just prior to tonight's meeting.

Principal's Report (Nell Ballard-Jones): Thank you for coming to the curriculum night. We will review the different format used tonight so you can let us know how you liked the new format.

Teacher's Report (Bob Herold): Permission slips were due today for the field trip to see Dracula. The cost of the field trips has been set at \$25 even for the trips that do not cost that much. The plan is to spread the cost of the year end trip to Victoria over the course of the year. Financial assistance is available if necessary. There will still most likely be more money due for Victoria.

Please check web grader frequently. Report cards don't go out until the end of the semester. Teachers will try to keep it up to date. You may email individual teachers with questions about grades.

We still need to review and approve the NAC budget.

Treasurers Report (Cheryl ??): Family contributions are coming in OK, please don't forget to submit your payment if you have not already. The family contribution were decided upon several years ago to avoid school fundraisers. The only fundraiser we use is the annual garage sale. If you have any problems with making your family contribution please speak to Cheryl privately. There should be approximately \$200 per field trip excess to apply towards the end of year trip.

The budget was presented. It was moved, seconded and voted that we approve the budget, it passed unanimously.

Ski Bus (Bruce Clouse): There will be a meeting next Tuesday (October 21) here at Northstar at 7 pm. Parents and students are encouraged to attend even if you are unsure about joining the program.

Conference Week committee (Sonia Zwilling): An email went out earlier today looking for opportunities and help for conference week. Please take a look and let the committee know what you can do to help.

Parking is now at a premium at the school. When parking for the ski bus or field trip or any other business during school hours and your car will be there for a length of time there will be only a few designated parking spaces. If you park in a numbered space you will be ticketed. Carpooling is encouraged to limit the number of cars on site.

Dances (Sharon ??): We have enough chaperones for the dance but we still need to have goodies delivered. This is a costume dance and chaperones are also expected to dress up.

The dance is October 30th, 7-9 pm at Kirkland Jr High. A suggestion was made to check out the teen center as a possible future venue for dances. Apparently there is frequently trouble in that area so safety issues would need to be thoroughly investigated. Also discussed the possibility of joint dances with other choice schools.

Health screening (Leah Morris for Sandy Roberts) : She has all the volunteers she needs for the health screening.

Field Trip (Leslie Holle): Dracula is a one hour ballet with a 15 minute question and answer period afterwards. The kids will be assigned to parent chaperones and the teachers will be able to float. Email Gloria Nakroshis if you are interested in chaperoning for this or any other field trip ([HYPERLINK "mailto:Gloria.nak@verizon.net"](mailto:Gloria.nak@verizon.net) Gloria.nak@verizon.net). The November field trip is to the aquarium and we will need lots of chaperones for this one. We are looking at possible theater options for the December and January trips and the Seattle Art Museum in April, and the 5th Avenue for Sunday in the Park with George in May.

New Business: Emergency prep chair will need to work with the LWHS chair since we will have to coordinate our plan with them since we will be sharing the same facility. Richard works with a UK group called Child Net that deals with online safety for kids. They are preparing a “beta” test with Bob’s support group. The presentation is to empower kids to be responsible for their own online safety. He may have a presentation for the parents at a future NAC meeting.

Janet is the point person for coordinating all standardized testing at the school. This takes a lot of extra time for which she is not compensated. Bob requested a ¼ stipend (\$412) to pay for her time. The motion was made seconded and the motion was passed. It was proposed, seconded and passed to add the test coordinator ¼ stipend as a line item on next year’s budget.

Orchids: To Stefanie Haugen for taking the minutes for September’s NAC meeting, to Bruce Clouse for running the ski bus program and for being so flexible in rescheduling his meeting, to Richard for taking on the role of President again.

Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting will be November 18th.