

NAC Meeting

February 10, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

The January minutes were passed around for perusal. They were approved.

Teachers Report (Nell Ballard-Jones & Bob Herold): Superintendent Kimball announced plans to move to a four year high school model for the district. The district is researching and would not implement the plan until fall 2014. The effects on Northstar and its location within the high school will be considered.

9th grade orientation nights for LW will be Feb 23 and 25 at 6:30 pm. State budget cuts should not affect staffing at Northstar, won't know effects on district until the Governor submits her final budget.

Bob: Thank you to all parents who helped with conference week. It all went well.

Congratulations to Nolan Miller and Ian Plamondon for being foreign language students of the quarter. Ninth graders will no longer be able to take the 10th grade WASL early.

Cell phones were being used to take and show inappropriate photos and videos. Parents may wish to investigate photos and texts on their kid's phones. May also want to discuss the ramifications of lewd photos that get out into a broader audience, ie spread onto the internet etc. Recent photos from a local high school have made a national appearance and have been covered in national media (not Northstar). A child sending a nude photo of themselves can still be considered trafficking in child pornography, parents are the legally responsible party on these phones.

Erica has agreed to start coaching an Academic Games team. Northstar had a team in the past and it fell by the wayside. The new team had their first event last Saturday, their next is Feb 28th. Would like to have NAC support the team by covering the costs of the team. Would also like to add to the team, currently all boys and Erica would like to recruit some girls. Would also like us to consider providing t-shirts for the kids, as in years past. The cost would be approximately \$500. Decided to review the treasurer's report before voting.

Treasurer's report (Cheryl Sanders): Finally got some transportation bills from September. If your company offers matching funds and/or hourly payments for volunteer hours, please check to make sure that hours are being reported and credited to Northstar. Most family contributions are coming in. Asked Cheryl to put something together for Connie to send out reminders.

There is \$500 within the budget to cover the academic games. It was moved and passed to contribute \$500 for the academic games.

Make sure you have turned in your conference week receipts or submit expenses for the dance if necessary.

Ski Bus (Bruce Clouse): Tomorrow is week 5 for the ski bus. Remind kids to bring water to keep hydrated. Have been noticing some effects of dehydration. The budget has worked out to have a 7th week again this year, no lessons just a free ski day. Kids in the ski program can credit their time to independent PE time.

Orchids: To Dianna and Amanda for the Skate King night. Was a great success.

New Business: A teen was attacked and seriously beaten outside the teen center a few weeks ago. Make sure that your children are escorted by an adult in and out of the center. Would like to have a few parents around to help keep kids who belong inside, inside, and kids who do not

belong, outside. It will be a safe environment at the dance, we just want to make sure the kids are safe getting there and back home.

Next meeting March 10.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.