

NAC Meeting

June 16, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

The minutes for February, March and May were approved.

Teachers Report (Nell Ballard-Jones & Bob Herold): No major new news. Connie's position has been confirmed with the district budget. Her hours have been shortened by an hour a day. Discussions are under way to decide how this will impact the school and Connie. NAC may consider a stipend to help offset some of her "non-classified" duties, such as for field trip duties. Nothing will be decided until the end of the summer after lengthy discussions. Northstar is unique in that we are not within the high school yet. Therefore, if we do not have Connie present for the hours just before and after school there will be supervision and safety issues. Email Nell with any specific issues you may have and she will take your concerns to the district. Nell is off from July 4th through August 1st. One parent noted that at district meetings other parents have the perception that choice schools get more money from the district than other schools. While this is not true, we need to be mindful when approaching the district that there are people out there who would consider closing the choice schools to save money. Regardless of what happens we want Connie to know that we support her. It is an important issue that we don't want to just "happen" without any response from us at all. It will be a high priority topic for our first NAC meeting in the fall. All staff, across the district, will be seeing smaller paychecks. Stipends are being cut, building funds are also being cut. These cuts are the result of state budget shortfalls. The district is working hard to cut where they can without eliminating positions altogether. The walls of the new gym are going up and should be fully finished and functional in about a year. So far everything is on schedule for the construction. Apologies for postponing the meeting from last week. An early orchid to Molly Peebles for the talent show. Went really well this year, conference week is going very well so far as well. Even though we are only here for another two years it would be nice to beautify the campus. While we can't paint the buildings we could possibly paint a mural on a canvas that could be mounted, or planter boxes, memory flags etc.

Treasurer's report (Cheryl Sanders): There are a few items that have not yet been finalized. We have some budget items that we did not spend the entire amount. Cheryl suggested that the excess funds be placed into a reserve fund for next year. Transportation for field trips next year will be much more costly as part of the district budget issues. Cheryl also has the new basketball hoop at her home. Please contact her if you are willing to switch out the new for the old basketball hoop.

Conference Week (Karen): Some parents discussed having an overall theme for January's conference week, such as career exploration or something similar. Still have some of the fun events as well. We will need a conference week coordinator for next year.

NAC Officers and Committee Positions: We will need a shadow for Richard to take over the following year. Need coordinators for landscaping and conference week among others. Sign up sheets will be available at the picnic.

First Year in New Location: Mostly good. Walking all the way around to get to the office is an annoyance, but the fences are a security precaution. The kids were disappointed to lose their field. Thanks to Kerry Truhan for organizing the lunch supervision to the field. If we can organize the supervision next year, they could go every day. We can add this as a new coordinator position. Kudos to the teachers for organizing the move and getting settled in the

first weeks of school.

Orchids: To the support group parents or all their work this year. To Sonja for organizing conference week and to the parents who have helped out. To Kevin for all his work on the web site. To Richard, thanks for keeping us organized this year.

New Business: August 27th is our annual pizza feed picnic. Suggested having an organizational chart to see which positions are open and what committees there are within the school.

The staff would appreciate some fans to cope with the really warm weather. It was moved that we buy six fans at a cost of up to \$300 for the staff.

Next meeting September or October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.