

NAC Meeting

May 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Teachers Report (Nell Ballard-Jones & Bob Herold): Vince expressed thanks for every body's support in the death of his father. May 13th there is a meeting at the high school with the architects to look at the new school. Next spring the gym will be built. Thank you to parents who made it to the district budget meetings. Luckily all of our Northstar teachers will still be here. There will be many other cuts district wide. They have still not made a decision on the Jaunita pool. The results of the family contribution survey are in. Families were still supportive of the family contributions and are OK with gentle reminders for those not paid. Andrea made a parenting pamphlet available to us, Bob passed samples out at the meeting. When Northstar began 27 years ago they decided not to use letter grades. Eventually we went to percentages of credit which is the current system. The current system gives the kids 0.75 credits per class versus 0.50 credits possible at mainstream schools. Our current system does not integrate well into the district's grading system, especially when the kids move on to high school. The staff would like to transition to a letter grade system to be more in line with other schools. It won't change the nature of the classes or the program that the kids receive. The change is essentially a bookkeeping change to make our kid's transcripts work with the district system. It was moved to standardize the grading system to fit with the district system. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's report (Cheryl Sanders): Family contributions are down but we have done well with corporate donations. Spending is also down some. Cheryl's email has changed
HYPERLINK "mailto:Cheryl_sanders@verizon.net"Cheryl_sanders@verizon.net

Conference Week (Sonja Zwilling): Plans are moving forward. Contact Sonja with questions.

Talent Night Dinner: Looking for volunteers. List was passed around. Contact Molly Peebles if you are interested in helping.

School Dance Thursday May 21st. No school the next day. The teen center was a popular site for the last dance so we will be there again. Need chaperones and treats. Contact Cheryl if you are willing to help.

Skate King (Dianna Moore): NAC had to cover some costs for the Skate King night, otherwise it was a great evening.

Field Trip Looking for another parent to help coordinate with Leslie Holle again.

Graduation Moving forward. It will be June 18th. Contact if you wish to help.

Coordinators: We will need another coordinator for conference week next year. Richard would like a shadow next year to pass on the chairmanship the following year. Kevin will continue with web site.

Garage Sale/Fund Raising Plans: Will not happen this year. May try a different type of fundraiser for next year. Would like to put together a committee to discuss fundraising options. Sign up if you are interested.

New Business: Concern was raised about sending passports to Connie. Some parents were uncomfortable leaving them with her. Was explained that Connie keeps them very safe and wants to insure that all passports are at the school the morning we leave.

Next meeting June 9 .
Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.