

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

6:30-7:30 pm

1. Welcome Mozart Families/Principal's Report: Principal Erin Borthwick introduced herself and encouraged parents to contact her anytime with concerns or questions, maintains an open door policy for parents, places high priority on parent contact and concerns.

- Updated attendees re: new afterschool program at Mozart. K2-5th grade program run by YMCA, K1 currently run by Mozart staff (Ms. Janelle) but anticipate YMCA eventually running program inclusive of K1-5th grade.
 - Care provided until 6 pm five days a week, run by YMCA organizer Ms. Laura (onsite two hours each day) and she is helping with recess games, helping create more structure
 - Plans include expanding after school program to accommodate more children
- Curriculum Night planned for Thursday, 9/18/2014 at 5:30-7:30 pm. Offers parents an overview of classes and gives parents opportunity to sign up for parent-teacher conferences in November.
- New this year: "Coffee Hour with the Principal" for parent/principal conversations and questions. Plan to alternate am/pm times to maximize number of parents able to attend. One hour allotted to provide 30 minute of structured discussion re: relevant topic in education ("new" math curriculum, advanced work class, new literacy program for 3-5th graders, k-5, pathway to 6th grade) followed by 30 minutes of Q&A time for parents.

2. School Site Council Update: Overview of Site Council. Current members include four teachers and four parents (parents include Carol Rohl, Kenya Stephenson, Natalie Prochnow, Nicole McGuire) and Daphna Flores volunteered to serve as alternate for 2014-2015 school year.

- Carol Rohl provided update on recent activities- finalized core values and finalized mission statement, new birthday celebration policy, grade reconfiguration update, MCAS data soon-to-be-released, new social emotional curriculum

3. Treasurer Report submitted by Treasurer Tanya Williams: current balance \$1300 but most funds already allocated for this year (buses and Raz Kids)

4. Designation of Website maintenance volunteer: Misty McLaughlin (K1 & 5th grade parent).

5. Co-Chairs of Parent Council Elections: (Natalie Prochnow and Kenya Stephenson stepping down) Newly elected Ellen O'Brien (K1 parent) and Ashlie Parris (K1 parent)

6. 2014-2015 Parent Council events reviewed: Fundraising Committee to be run by Jennifer Morales (5th grade parent) volunteer sign up sheet circulated. Reviewed pancake breakfast, bake sale, BBQ in 2013-2014, Scholastic Book Fair, and possible fundraising ideas: Sweetheart/Spring Dance, Talent Show, reminder from PC re: Stop and Shop A plus program and Box Topes for school money

Next Parent Council Meeting: Tuesday October 14, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Coe and Katie Elliffe,
Co-Secretarys
September 19, 2014