



Bridging the gap between home and school

10/07/2014

Business Meeting

Attendees:

April Noble, Whitney Thornton, Andrea Armlin, Dawn Belliveau, Diane Bright, Linnea Clary, Rachael Conte, Erin Dickson, Peter Dutton, Allyssa Ellis, Alli Geller, Jennifer Kumin, Debbie Moores, Jen Ring, Julie Sprague, Christy Witham, Marketa Zietala

Meeting Notes:

1. Family Fun

- October 12th 11AM Mount Agamenticus – flyer went home on 10/1. Picnic / hike.
- Seadogs game in the spring. Is it possible to get a block of seating, as it is difficult to find friends in the general/open seating? Typically purchase 100 tickets and sell at face value, used as community building not a fundraiser. *April to send schedule to family fun team, so they can choose a date (coordinate with CRES). April to check w/ Seadogs to see if a block of seats is possible.*
- Portland Pirates game in the winter, similar to Seadogs experience. *April to forward information to family fun team. Team to choose a date based on schedule.*

2. Fundraising

- Meadow Farms packets went home. *Linnea/Julie to send reminder flyer on 10/15 as orders are due on 10/17. Reiterate fundraising for VES/VPG and last year's accomplishments. Continue to communicate to reach all families with the purpose.*
- NoLita night. Restaurant will give 15% of proceeds on a night for fundraising. Does this include takeout orders? *Linnea to coordinate with NoLita and communicate.*
- Craft Fair
 - Linnea Clary to lead with mentoring from Sara Patch
 - *First Meeting 10/14/14 at Rachael Conte's house – 8:45AM (right after drop off)*
 - Volunteers to help: Christy, Andrea, Debbie, Jen R, Jen K, Monique Deforge, Julie, Rachael

3. Handwashing

- Traditionally students use AB Gel before lunch. There is not a hand washing policy. The nurse has asked the classroom teachers to have kids wash their hands prior to lunch recess and used the AB Gel before lunch. This is a recommendation not a policy.
- Students cannot bring Hand Sanitizers or Wipes from home. Per the district policy the school can only use approved products.
- Any concerns should be brought to April or Lorinda Layton (school nurse).

4. Snack Cart – 1st & 2nd Grade

- Kids buy snacks at the same time as lunch. They are supposed to eat their lunch first.
- Snacks must meet the government standards.
- No money is made on the lunch program. The snack cart does make a profit. *April/Whitney to quantify profit.*
- Parents CAN put restrictions on the snacks that their kids may purchase and/or the day or amount.
- *Whitney to publish a list of the snacks and the price in a Wednesday Flyer.*
- Form a smaller group to discuss snacks/lunches. *Whitney to lead. Volunteers: Debbie, Alli , Peter, Erin, Diane and Jen R.*

5. November Conference

- Child Care: *Marketa to coordinate / lead for the November conference.*
- Lunch for teachers during conferences will be catered. *Jen R / Linnea to coordinate.*

6. Recycling/Composting

- Juice pouches can be sent back without rinsing/cutting just for recycling. Money will not be made, but they will be recycled. The past money made on this program was minimal, so given the effort required it is agreed that just recycling the pouches is the best use of efforts. *Debbie to manage recycling.*
- Purchase compost containers to be set into the composting area. These would be sealed containers which would minimize smells / pests. Approved to purchase one of these containers (\$50). *Purchase, set in place and monitor progress (Alli / Debbie).*

7. Treasurers Report

- **New Funding Requests**
 1. Nutrition Education with Andy Gray and York Hospital – appx \$50/month (teaches kids about healthy eating habits and allows them to try new fruits/vegetables) - **APPROVED**

a. Can this feed back into the lunch/snack program – determine what the kids like and offer it to them at lunch? *Whitney*

2. Whole Body Listening Posters (30 posters for classrooms) to reinforce teaching of CC (school counselor) \$268 – **APPROVED**

- Yearbook money has been taken out of the balance sheet, so current cash balances are shown. \$1000 was also moved to the savings account. Cash balance as of 10/7/14: \$9414.
- Andy Gray is willing to continue with the Halloween Candy trade in – for coupons to the school store. He will create a ‘board of honor’. Candy will go to the Coast Guard. Flyer will be created. *Coordinate / deliver candy – Andrea*