

South Elementary School Parent Council Minutes

South Elementary Parent Council Meeting – September 21, 2009

Present: Erin DeBlieck, Lisa Hofferbert, Sara Orth, Laura Boomgaarden, Maureen Pettis, Karen Snay, Kris LeClere, Heidi Rimstad and staff members: Nancy Kluck, Janet Wettergren, Nancy Sizer, and Heidi Wenner.

Welcome and Introductions

If you cannot attend a meeting but would like to stay informed, please send an email to the Parent Council email address and we will add you to the distribution list. The Parent Council email address is pcouncil@stpetersschools.org. Or you may contact Parent Council Chair Erin DeBlieck at erinchad@myclearwave.net or Secretary Lisa Hofferbert at clshoff@mchsi.net. We'd love to hear from you!

Committee Updates

Fundraisers – 3 for the year: Vehicle Fair (September), Original Works (October) and Pancake Breakfast (February). Please email the Parent Council to volunteer.

Box Tops – Erin DeBlieck is running the campaign with a goal of 10,000 box tops by October 23. Make sure that you are saving your box tops and turn them in to your child's teacher or the main collection box near the office.

Connecting Committee – If you would like to donate an item for staff raffles, please contact Parent Council. We love to reward our great teachers!

Playground Equipment – Paid off the lease last year for the new equipment. Parent council will find out if there is a need to fund equipment for recess since the “game day” and the students have learned new games to play at recess.

Mentor Committee - Heidi Rimstad updated that due to a lack of interest from last year, a recommendation was made to the staff, that when a new student enrolls, the services of the Parent Council will be offered and a match can be made then.

Spirit Committee – Pancake breakfast will be held in February. Looking to maybe have in St. Peter this year if can find a volunteer location. Contact Lisa Hofferbert if you can help. The Vehicle Fair was held on September 24 at the First Lutheran Church and was a success! The Parent Council supplied the concessions at the Fair. Original Works starts in October and if you can volunteer at home or during or after school, contact April Rao at arao@hickorytech.net.

Events – Next Parent Council meeting: Monday, October 12 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the media center. Dr. Olson will discuss the proposed capital projects levy that will be on the ballot in November.

Principle Minutes

Kindergarten Round-up – Scheduled for March 2 from 5:45 – 7:30 pm. A discussion was held on suggestions to make it a smooth transition for first time parents.

H1N1 – discussed the handout with symptoms that was distributed at school. A new form will be mailed out to parents with a form for parents to fill out to return those diagnosed to school. The school is prepared with daily updates and how to handle students with symptoms.

Enrollment – down from last year. Kindergarten is 144, 1st is 152 and 2nd is 148. A new PT reading a math teacher has been hired. South school is starting a new after school support program.

Presentation – plans rolling now to make South school a peaceful place for our students. A new South school STAR Pride to teach safe, responsible, respectful culture. Starting with the playground aimed at eliminating bullying. 13 staff are working on a council PBIS – positive behaviors interactive support. Game day was held to teach our students new games can voluntarily play at recess to make recess fun.

Next meeting – a motion to discuss the Thinking Room.

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