



September 2015 Home and School Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Call to order: 6:31 PM - 9/8/2015

In attendance: Lisa Baker, Courtney Myhre, Mindy Steighner, Dr. Edmond, Kristin Enoch, Angie West, Vivek Choudhari, Sarah Zlensky, Brad Zlensky, Laureanna Raymond-Duvernell, Nicki Hahms, Sara Glapa, Beth Jelinek, Sarah Konkol, Toni Pauli, Lindsay Meyer, Nina Wagner, Amy Schuler, Robin LeDuc, Jen Daniels, Mike Lavsier, Christy Polczynski, Debby Taves, Sarah Catalano, Jessica Bruss, Michelle Arnold

Principal's Report – Dr. Edmond

- Great to see so many new faces!
- This year is one of the most relaxed starts in Dr. Edmond's 8 years at Woodside
- We have added a focus on what the Educators mission is – they are going to refocus on their purpose. Talked about their professional mission statements. What can they do to create classroom missions statements and have the kids create personal mission statements.
- Fall MAP testing has already started with 5th graders, some 1st and 2nd graders. Email your teacher to find out exact info
- Internet line to Woodside was cut last week.

Staff Report

- Staff is preparing for PALS testing
- Trying to get the routine in place this week at the start of school

Committee Updates

- Post Event Recap
 - Welcome to Woodside Coffee
 - Kristin Kemper is willing to coordinate it again next year. She thinks as long as she calls Starbucks 30 minutes before she picks everything up it will be much easier! For the event last week, she thinks it went the same as it has in the past few years. "The event is never very well attended from what I can tell but I am not sure how to change that (or if it's necessary). We had way too much food (and coffee) so I would plan to cut back on the amounts and that will also help to make set up a little easier." My (Mindy's) thoughts....we need to have some welcome signs inviting parents and pointing them in the right direction. Maybe set up the tables and signs the day before (the school is open because teachers are there). I'd like to see a few tablecloths and a more welcoming atmosphere. I wouldn't cut back on the quantity of food. I'd make sure to have a decent amount of bagels, cream cheese and fruit and then leave all the leftovers in the staff lunchroom. Also, what if we gave a printed invitation to those who come, to attend H&S meetings? Explain what H&S is, etc and include the first meeting date & time. Just a thought.
 - Parent mentioned that they were unsure if they could bring their kids to this years event.
 - Suggested that we have a greeter in the room to introduce people
 - Suggested that name tags for the attendees and teacher names
 - School Pak
 - No Update
 - Parent questioned where to get the final copy of the school supply lists each year so they know they are purchasing the correct school supplies

- Family Fun Night
 - The event went really well
 - It was pouring the entire time so they had to hold this inside last year
 - The silent auction went really late last year
 - It was decided that they are going to close the silent auction an hour early this year (2015/2016)
 - They will be looking for additional silent auction volunteers
 - Mrs. Enoch wanted to know if the template silent auction went well
 - Sarah C. indicated it did go well and it was much easier
- Woodside Wear
 - The orders need to be submitted by midnight tomorrow night (Sunday).
 - Items will be sent home with the kids.
- Back to School Picnic
 - There were about 200 kids
 - This year:
 - Wayne thinks we should schedule the next picnic on the same day as Meet and Greet. This will ensure that staff is not working extra time at two different events and will also guarantee that potential volunteers and/or participants will not be on a final fling vacation before the school year starts. Also, if we ran the event an hour past the Meet and Greet schedule, it would allow us to feed the teachers and their families.
 - If we have the picnic on the same day as Meet and Greet, we will have to decide on the question of scale. Should we limit it to an ice cream social for new students and their families or should we make it a gathering of the entire school community?
 - We had some great volunteers this year. The publicity, the signage, the music and the food were all first rate. I think our weak spots were a concerted presentation of Home and School and a lack of interaction with the teachers and staff at the event. There was definitely a mix up on the date, but I think we will avoid that next year.
 - It would probably be good to have more planned activities for the kids and even the adults. Thank you to the moms I did see at the playground who seemed to be supervising this year!
 - I like the idea of this event as being a break even or self-supporting event rather than a fund raiser.
 - Next year:
 - We will have the picnic on the same day as Meet and Greet. It will still be inclusive of the whole school and will run an hour past Meet and Greet so we can feed the teachers and their families as well.
 - To keep it simpler and because the parents are bringing in all the school supplies with their kids, we will not have a potluck component. Instead, it will just be hot dogs, brats, chips and drinks. We can charge per person (kids 5 and under free, kids kindergarten through 5th grade=\$2.00, and anyone older than middle school=\$3.00, for example).
 - This will be a break even event, rather than a fund raiser. Maybe Home and School could supply free ice cream.
 - Parents with kindergarteners or new families could come early for scheduled tours of the school.
 - Have planned activities for the kids either outside or in the LGA adjacent to the cafeteria.
 - Courtney asked Dr. Edmond/Mrs. Enoch if we could open the Meet & Greet an hour early for kindergartener tours
- Meet & Greet

- Mrs. Enoch said that it went well. She had a very high percentage of people who showed up for the event
- Home & School had a booth at meet and greet and the whole.
- Suggested that we have the Back to School Picnic at the same time as the Meet & Greet
 - Teachers agreed that this would be a great thing
 - Suggested that it is a great way for kids to meet with previous students
 - Suggested that it was a bit overwhelming because it would add an extra level of chaos but it might distribute the kids a bit
 - Important to urge that the food stay in the gym/picnic
 - More activities will distract kids
 - Will need to address food allergies in next year's menu
 - Might be better to get more supervision for the kids who are playing
 - Charge flat rate for the meal
- Upcoming Events - Status Reports
 - Directory
 - No update
 - Woodside Fun Run
 - Will occur on Friday September 25th
 - Brewers racing sausages will be here
 - A nice long sleeve shirt has been selected again -this year
 - We need a DJ this year – looking for a parent or a friend who is interested in helping. We only need them for an hour
 - Prize structure has changed – more to be announced via flyers.
 - Parents/Grandparents are welcome to stop by and cheer on the kids
 - Vision and Hearing Screening
 - Jessica Bruss may be coordinating this.
 - Family Social Event - Spooktacular
 - Scheduled for Friday night October 30th
 - This is a school dance in costumes (including younger siblings)
 - There will be a VolunteerSpot page
 - Food and beverage donations are requested
 - There will be no fee to attend this event
 - Nights Out
 - No real information yet
 - Two Culvers nights are planned.
 - Taking suggestions on other places to have nights out
 - Watch D.O.G.S
 - Donuts with Dad is scheduled for Friday October 16th
 - Piggly Wiggly will be providing the donuts again
- Ongoing Events
 - The Traditional Table
 - Changes this year:
 - Pickups are now on Thursday nights
 - Night change is causing a volunteer shortage
 - Volunteers are welcome to bring kids
 - The event lasts an hour or two
 - We need 6-7 people
 - Volunteers are there to sort food
 - Orders are processed once a month
 - Country Springs Passes
 - No Update
 - Marcus Tickets

- No Update
- Box Tops
 - Someone purchased some bins for us to use and we will place them in each room for kids to place their box tops
 - No more Kemp's caps
 - No more Golden Guernsey dairy collections

New Business

- Ongoing volunteer opportunity recruitment
 - Need a coordinator for the kitchen volunteers
 - They need another set of hands to help serve food
 - Anyone can sign up if they want (grandparents are included)
 - Need help with Coordinating Teacher Refreshments
 - Volunteers are needed for all events so please keep an eye on the Home & School VolunteerSpot page
 - Technology Room needs volunteers as well
- Market Day elimination
 - This is no longer being offered here
 - Profit from last year's Market Day was \$2000
 - Suggest Schwans?
 - Food is shipped directly to the families
 - Feedback:
 - People would rather not buy candy bars
 - More items on TTT would be great – try to capture some Market Day orders
 - Announce that Market Day is no longer
 - We will run Schwans from the end of October thru Mid-November so parents can prep for the Holiday
 - HAVE COURTNEY SEND THIS TO ME
- Do we want to keep Scrip?
 - Courtney will reach out to Kelly Mottl and see if she would be interested in coordinating it again this year
 - Parent Suggestion: Team up Scrip and Staff Appreciation Week
- Budget
 - Lisa Reviewed the Budget
- Survey Monkey Parent Survey
 - Courtney would like to send out a survey to parents to find out what we should be spending money on.
 - We also want to find out what sort of events people are interested in or not interested in.
 - Suggestions
 - Have a scale rating on each event to get parent feedback (1-5)
 - Paragraph at the end for feedback
 - Add a raffle to improve returns
- Broadway Musical
 - Newsies (any age) or Wicked (7+)
 - Do we want to offer our own sale of tickets even though it is competing with Templeton's fundraiser
 - We decided to sell Newsies tickets.
- Meeting schedule has changed
 - Will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month throughout the year October, January, March and May

- Question about class sizes
 - Dr. Edmond spoke about the sizes
 - They are always watching sizes
 - Sizes are within district guidelines
 - If enrollments go up, they add teacher aids to assist teachers with high student counts
- Schoola Registration
 - Fund raiser discovered by Debby Taves which allows people to donate clothes where a portion of the proceeds go to Home & School
 - Debby will check into it!
- Mabels Labels Fundraising
 - Nina Wagner found this fundraiser and asked if she could start this.
 - Mabels Labels is a company that sells labels which can be applied to many different surfaces.
 - Suggested that if Nina is interested in coordinating this we have no problem with that.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39 PM