

Nobel Charter Middle School
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

January 14, 2014

Minutes

Attendees: Nita Bhatia, Lorraine Bio, Julianne Fassett, Mark Marfori, Gene Munson, Bruce Newborn, Michelle Oak, Heather Thomas, Stephanie Lamberte, Paul Blair, Meredith Reu, John White, Laura Yankie, Susie Herring, Derek Horowitz, Karen Lewis, Sandra Fernandez-Achenbach, Nancy Simons, Mrs. Kalman, Sharon Chown, Sheila Foster

Minutes: Karen made a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting. This was seconded by Michelle Oak.

PIC PLEDGE motivational announcements must be approved by Ms Drew. Students making announcements are advised to tell period one teachers that they will be a few minutes late on that day.

It was suggested that 2 forms must be developed; 1 to submit to Mrs. Fassett/ Ms Drew and one for the PLEDGE teacher.

Ulis Williams visit was well received. Mr. Blair thanked Mrs. Kailman for the balloons. Mrs. Herring suggested that a short power point be created to share his words with pictures possibly presented in late spring.

On the topic of an internet safety presentation, Mr. Soderstrom is wavering but might be persuaded. Mrs. Leary will share materials. Mr. Horowitz shared that this is needed in light of 9 students posting inappropriate photos and school police was called, kids were counseled. There is a strong need for awareness.

New Business Parent workshops, possibly a new direction; The need exists for regular evening meetings.

Examples are: English weekend at the mall, science night, CCSS information night.

Ms Yankie asked for input from departments on who would be willing to sponsor any of these types of events. Teachers are asked to report with feedback. Mrs. Oak shared that EO parents have an advantage over EL parents. Communication is crucial to success.

A suggestion was made that grade level presentations similar to 6th grade orientation take place at the beginning of the year. Other suggestions included: astronomy night, interactive math night, (Mrs. Kalman). The possibility of posting the workshop on the website for extra credit was also suggested.

Mrs. Chown suggested the possibility of a debate on issues to support common core curriculum. Mrs. Bio mentioned the idea of a cultural fair which could be tied to an academic standard.

Math night

Science night

History night

English night

Mr. Blair suggested that many could be combined. Mrs. Thomas suggested a title, "A night in the life of your EL student", mini-lesson workshops, common core vocabulary, the idea of explaining as we go. It was asked who the experts are; that common core is no longer memorizing history dates but is centered on applications.

Mrs. Kalman volunteered to videotape explanations. Dates to watch for: Ancient Civilization Festival; May 20, Market day, May 28, April __, open house.

Action Items: Approach teachers about possibly presenting workshops.

Adjourned at 3:10

Next meeting, February 11, 2014, NCMS library

Respectfully submitted by Julianne Fassett