



Cooper Landing School

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“Specialists in Quality Learning”

PAC Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2013

In attendance:

Michelle Quinn
Nick Quinn
Tasha Jeffords
Melahat Lowe
Jessica Larsen
Susanna LaRock
Heather Harrison
Virginia Morgan
Heather Pearson
Tommy Gossard
Michael Hanson

Meeting called to order at (about) 9:10 AM

Teacher’s Report:

There is no school on October 18, 24, or 25th. The 24th and 25th are Parent Teacher Conferences. Tommy will be flexible in scheduling conferences any time during the week of the 21-25th to accommodate families who may want to take advantage of the four-day weekend and leave town Thursday and Friday. Note: Conferences on Thursday and Friday may have to be held in the portable or the gym due to construction on the wall in the school; will know more later.

October 30th is an early release day.

Picture retakes are on November 8th.

Tommy does not want to organize the Halloween Parade this year, but is happy to accommodate it if someone else will plan it. The parade is generally held at 2:30 on the 31st and entails organizing snacks, advertising, a little decorating. It’s greatly appreciated in the community. Heather Harrison offered to take it on, and Michelle Quinn said she would assist.

At dismissal the school will now operate a car pick-up line for parents who want to use it. May drive through the loop at 3:15 and they will send children out to their parents. Parents may also park and come in as usual. We are trying to keep the kids out of the gym after school, lining them up on the benches in the hallway, for a faster transition to going home.

Tommy acquired a grant to have artist Jim Kaiser come and do stained glass projects with the students November 11-15. They will put stained glass in the square windows in the classrooms, and each student

will get to do a project to take home with them. The grant covers essentially everything but food for the guest artist. Parents will need to sign up to have Jim over for dinner at home each evening. We will probably do a hot lunch a couple of times during the week and have other lunch food available for him. Will know more about breakfast needs when he comes and there is a sign up list on Heidi's door.

Susanna has a box full of old school pictures to sort through. Some of them may be great to send to the museum. There are also digital scans of them, as well as of past newsletters.

Principal's Report:

Ms. Hanson has posted an opening for a second teacher for the school. Minimum position opening is 5 days, but she posted it as open until filled. She hopes after 5 days to have enough (2-3) candidates to be able to close it and start the selection process, but we don't have to be in a hurry; getting a good candidate is more important than getting someone fast. It's important that we consider what we really need and what qualifications will help round out our teaching in the school.

Ms. Hanson, Mr. Gossard, Heather Harrison (PAC president) and probably an older student will be on the selection committee for the new teacher.

Until we get the new teacher, we will have a certified teacher subbing in the position. Tommy reports that after just one day of a 2nd certified teacher, the difference in what they could accomplish and how well things operated was amazing. Some of the candidates will sub in the position first.

Michael spoke at length about the school development plan and the goals she's outlining for it. A plan with goals is submitted every year.

The goals centered around student achievement and meeting grade standards, tracking their performance and having the students involved in their own progress tracking. Parent-family engagement was also addressed, with some discussion of using more elements of PowerSchool.

The PAC approved the goals. After they are approved at the district level they will be put on the school website.

Lynn Ducek will be here a few times in the next week or so to help reorganize the school, develop some systems, clean up the curriculum, get rid of things we don't use, etc.

PAC Fund Report: \$2949.25 balance

Heather Harrison will find out how many T-shirts we have left and what plan we have to get rid of the rest of them. Sarah has not been here this month or last to help with that answer.

The Glass-Half-Full Equinox Run and Split the Pot earned about \$700 after expenses.

Regarding St. Patrick's Day dinner, Heather H will talk to Mary Louise so she knows it's not her responsibility to buy back the excess food. Mary Louise supports the fundraiser, but the excess food this year was more than anticipated and was a burden. We will also probably schedule it for St Patrick's Day itself this year, so that any excess corned beef is easier to use. We all acknowledged that Sunrise is an indispensable resource and working to reduce the load on Mary Louise is essential.

If Community Schools can get more parents from the school involved in the 2nd Saturday market – help the kids sell food or crafts, etc – they would like to give more money to the PAC. The November market will be bigger, like a holiday bazaar. The PAC talked about providing chili or soups, drinks, baked goods, etc, through potluck or contribution, for resale. Help the kids run the food concessions, most earnings will go back to PAC.

Future meetings will be held in the gym instead of the classroom area.

No further business.

Adjourned at 10:00.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Larsen

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