



**FFCA NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2014
6:45 – 8:25PM**

In Attendance:

Key Dang, Gloria McCracken, Channi Toor, Nancy Narang, Shawna Drummond, Erica Oseen, Marla Johnson, Jason Deis, Sukhmeet Dhillon, Jason Langston, Auralee Wolfe

Regrets:

Ida Langston, Pamela Wilson, Shawna Burke-Martin, Lorne McDonald

1. Meeting commenced with a round table introduction

2. Approval of Agenda:

- Moved by: Jason Langston
- Seconded by: Gloria
- **Approved**

3. Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

- Moved by: Jason Langston
- Seconded by: Gloria
- **Approved**

4. Administrator Update:

a) Presentation from Jason Deis

- Nike Fuel Band proposal. Integrate Technology into the Physical Education program. The goal is to get students to stay motivated, set daily goals with the band, easy to use, USB connection (no extra cables) and students can track their experience.
- Teachers are participating and students can volunteer to participate in a competitive house challenge.
- Require 10 bands which are \$150.00/band + tax. Requesting \$1575.00 to make a onetime purchase.
- Jason Langston motioned that Casino funds could pay for this purchase with Shawna Burke-Martin's confirmation. If Casino funds cannot be used to make this purchase, NMS School Council can pay for the Nike fuel bands. **Moved by Jason Langston, seconded by Channi, Approved**
- Valentine's Day fundraising is going great.
- Nancy attending SRC meetings is proving to be a great idea.

- Food Bank field trips are still ongoing.
- Like the idea about utilizing Casino funds to pay for skiing field trips for grades 5 & 6 and reduce the cost for grades 7 & 8 next school year ~ the skiing event is a Physical Education Program activity.
- Wrestling mats ~ quote is in the process.
- FFCA Visioning sessions with students have taken place and a consultant needs to collect and analyze data.
- Visioning sessions for parents will happen this Thursday. Council can pay for refreshments and snacks Motioned by Key to allocate \$50 to supply refreshments. **Motion by Gloria, seconded by Jason. Approved**
- Grade 8 transition to High School night begins next week for both NMS and SMS. February 24th is Parent night at the High School for grade 8 parents.
- *NOTE ~ Conflicting events on February 24th with ASC and the Casino on the same night.
- Boys basketball team has been undefeated in approx. 5 to 6 games...High School has been helping by refereeing these games.
- March 6th ~ parent presentation by Paul Davis about “Internet Safety”. Decision pending regarding whether or not to offer babysitting services in the library for parents attending the presentation.
- A PD day activity for the teaching staff this Friday will focus on “Character Education”. There will be a workshops in the morning and afternoon led by Dr. Berkowitz .
- Brenda is working at cleaning up the NMS website...school calendar is not posted on the website and will hopefully be up and running again soon.
- Teacher appreciation night went very well!
- ***TASK** ~ Council needs to make a decision regarding the NMS year end celebration.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Treasurer:

- Financial Statements included with our minutes.

b. Fundraising/SUTP:

- Channi sat in on an ASC meeting to see what other campuses are doing with regards to fundraising.
- An idea that was mentioned by SMS was a garage sale fundraiser event...spell-a-thons were not that successful.
- Looking to prepare a notice about the Spell-a-Thon for the following School Newsletter. Words and pledge sheets will be sent home to parents the week before spring break.
- ***TASK** ~ Discuss how the funds from the Spell-a-Thon will be used.

c. Volunteer Coordinator:

- Current volunteer hours will be included with our minutes.
- ***TASK** ~ Discuss how we can make the process of adding and logging in hours easier for families.

d. Hot Lunch:

- Good reception with using Opa ~ 253 orders.
- Next month our vendor will be Arby's.

e. Community Liaison:

- Family Volunteer Initiative ~ requesting a board...may need \$50 from Council to cover cost.

- Teacher appreciation night and catering went very well. When all was said and done we came in under budget at \$519.72.
- Breakdown of event details are attached to the minutes.

6. SRC Update

- Students discussed options regarding how to spend Spell-a-Thon funds...paying forward? Allocating a portion towards Grade 8 farewell event to relieve some fundraising pressure.
- SRC is asking for cupcakes concerning the Birthday Food Bank...cupcakes will not be gluten or allergy free.
- *Task ~ Need to confirm a date. Do we purchase from Safeway? Cost of delivery?

7. ASC Update

a. ASCA Conference:

- Pamela is going to this event and Key offered to go as back up.

b. Community Liaison:

- Meeting February 24th.

8. Report from Board Member

- No report at this time.

9. Additions to agenda:

a. Donation in lieu:

- Cheque Writing Campaign ~ Very successful option at NWE, funds go directly to the fundraising campus, donations over \$25 can be used as a Tax donation.

b. Parenting Information Manual:

- Ask ASC which campus has a sample electronic manual to use for the 2014/15 school year. We would need it by May 2014.
- Having it online with a translator would be helpful...other online items could be the Cheque Writing Campaign and a FAQ option, all being accessed as an online link. A convenient one-stop-shop concept.

10. 2013-2014 Meeting Dates:

- Will have meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month
- Meeting dates are: March 17th, April 14th, May 12th, June 9th

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm

- Moved by Gloria, seconded by Nancy, Approved

