

Carrigan Intermediate School

School Governance Meeting

December 4, 2014

6pm

Attendance: Frank Paolino, Richard Weber, Twana Shirden, Toni Paine, Maura Izzo, Robin Cannon, Maria Warner, Theresa Andriulli, Lynn Bonaldo (Guest)

- Upcoming Math Night January 8, 2015 6-8pm in the cafeteria
 - Game night with cards and dice ex: Multiplication War-2 cards who can say the product correctly
 - According to feedback, parents liked the games
 - 6 Activities-3 with cards 3 with dice
 - Cookies and water served
 - Baskets to raffle (Toni will provide)
 - Announcements: website, phone blast, save the date flyer
 - Lynn will check with Mona to get student council students to make posters for math night
 - Student Ambassadors-SRBI students help parents with the game
 - Use of Smartboard
 - 10 teachers volunteered so far including the gym teacher-We have a 6th grade ELA teacher who volunteers. He is fluent in Spanish so he helps to translate.
 - Every family will go home with dice and cards
 - Come up with thank you certificate for volunteers

- Need 2 parents (we needed 1 but now 1 withdrew)

- Pagels' Food Truck Festival-Maria provided the information
 - Pagels made about \$4000 with very little notice (Money Maker)
 - Assess the number of trucks and who is parked next to each other
 - Inflatables were a huge hit about 10-12
 - Purchase a wrist band for the day \$12/\$13
 - Age appropriate but keep in mind if ground is muddy
 - Needed more parents to man the inflatables
 - Make your own cupcake tent-premade \$1 to decorate
 - Permits were needed
 - Contact Lori and Alison about Insurance
 - Money made through wristbands
 - Trucks paid for parking

- Police present
 - Raffle items
 - Tent space for vendors
 - Possible to do it in the Spring 2015 maybe late May
 - Need a Fact Find Committee-Robin will put out a questionnaire to staff. Theresa Andriulli would like to be a part of the committee
 - Maura will contact Alison at Pagels for information and find out about permits and if they purchased separate insurance
 - Possible name of event-Cinco De Mayo Celebration
 - Possible joint effort with PTA
- Discussed difference between the purpose of School Governance and PTA
 - School Governance-Parent Involvement, Focus on scores and how we can do better
 - PTA Parents join to make money for the students
- Tracy Barletta is doing 092 internship and putting together a Caring Cougar Ceremony at the end of the year-Ultimate Cougar for all Caring Cougars throughout the year
 - Going to local stores to get gift cards donated
 - Something light to snack on will be provided at ceremony
 - Someone from the community will come out to speak to the student
- Career Day Committee-Michael, Christina, and Erin
- SBAC-a list was created to prepare for SBAC at 5th grade collaboration
 - Students need to work on math facts
 - Spiral activities
 - Bethany in computers worked on SBAC math & ELA problems and Tammy in computers worked on performance tasks
 - New website is up and running but keeps changing
 - Notices are going to be sent home in English and Spanish to parents as well as the math newsletter about SBAC and how to practice
 - Teachers are using COWS with students for instruction now
 - Discussed developing mini performance tasks for students during 5th grade collaboration
- Explained grade level collaboration: Teachers are freed up to meet and collaborate on ELA and Math. Staff from each cluster come together to share effective teaching strategies and activities that can go on the Carrigan Shared Drive

- Explained Cougar Paw-promotes school climate-caught doing good-Students get a special pencil from Rich and 6-8 students are chosen for lunch with administration.

- Explained new device going to be on each school bus-Norbelle from New York
 - 1st group to pilot in West Haven
 - We can go on app to see where bus is located as well as parents
 - Free
 - Track by a number
 - App can go on child's phone to track
 - We watched the 3 minute video Cearch

- Next meeting January 8, 2015 at 5:30pm Math Night 6-8pm
 - Maura will do agenda and run the meeting