

School Governance Meeting Minutes
10/2/14 – 6:00pm

Members Present: Frank Paolino, Twana Shirdden, Michele Margenau, Robin Cannon, Chris Stratton, Toni Paine, Erin Blake, Tracy Barletta, Christina DeCrescenzo

To discuss tonight: School goals and ways to acquire more members in the Carrigan School Governance Council for the 2014-2015 school year.

- New members were given bi-laws and ground rules.
- We discussed how we need 5 more parents, and brainstormed strategies of how to enlist more members.
- We will be sending out information to see if any parents are interested in being on the SGC.
- Erin Blake will check with Chris Kehoe to see if she still has the flier for School Governance from two years ago. If she does not, Erin will make the new flier.
- The flier will contain the following information (according to the Bi-Laws from the state):
 - Grade 5 or Grade 6 parents can join the SGC
 - We need 5 more parents
 - If more than 5 parents sign up we will use a ballot system and vote for a November election
- If we don't get 5 parents, we will continue trying.
- We hope to have the flier back by Literacy Night (October 15th) to hand out to parents at the event.
- No scores to chat about tonight – SBAC was a field test last year.

- Science CMT for Grade 5
 - We were in 1st place in the our area for our grade level
 - Proficient and above (83%)
 - We have nothing to gage 6th grade on – so we are doing both 5th and 6th grade benchmarks to see improvement (measure)

- **Goals**
 - Goal 1
 - 5th Grade Science Benchmark
 - Will take the first during the beginning of school, then the second before SBAC (around February) – most teachers gave/will give 5th grade benchmark this week
 - 6th Grade Science Benchmark
 - Created last week, at copy center now

 - Goal 2
 - Math
 - Looking at open-ended questions
 - Reading
 - Cite evidence, write, DRP-looking, vocab, context clues, comprehension, inferences from non-fiction text
 - DRP scores from previous grade in Spring
 - Measure Spring-Spring

 - 5th Grade/6th Grade Math Benchmarks
 - Benchmark at beginning of year
 - Looked at all units – all skills on units going to be learned throughout the year
 - Fall -> Winter -> Spring
 - Will see growth of skills from test to test
 - Toni: How can parents reinforce the same exact skills that the teachers do?
 - Frank, Twana, Robin, and Christina suggested that parents use the book, notes in the notebook, and the Pearson enVision website.

 - Goal 3
 - Parental Involvement

- How can we increase it?
 - Literacy Night – October 15th (6pm)
 - Toni is making a basket
 - Christina will ask Latanya to report on Literacy night
 - Math Night – November 6th
 - Family Mystery Night
 - Parent Surveys
 - Paper copies available, computer lab open during parent nights at Carrigan, survey translated into Spanish
 - See that it's up and running by ELA/Parent Visiting Night
- Ideas to brainstorm/plan out to increase parent involvement and decide upon viability and ease of planning/executing at the next meeting
 - Career Day/Community Fair
 - International Night
 - Talent Show
 - Science Fair
 - Many of these would need to be done on a rotating basis because of our parking situation and because of the size of our student population
- Erin Blake will run next month's meeting and supply the agenda to all members before the meeting.

Next Meeting: Nov. 6th before Math Night – 6pm, 5:30 Conference Room

To discuss at the next meeting: Viability of Parental Involvement ideas

Meeting Adjourned: 6:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Barletta