

SIP Meeting
October 8, 2008

Feedback about Open House

The feedback from staff was discussed and the consensus is that we need to change the format of Open House. One thing that there was a consensus on was to not have food that evening-that will take place at the Fall Festival. Mrs. Michaels brought up the idea of having a night that each grade level does orientation in there own class with parents as close to the opening of school as possible to go over rules, expectations, etc. Then have the Open House for students to come to show their parents their classroom and school on a different night. She felt that kindergarten would not have to have the orientation night as they all come in the day before school. Another option could be having an orientation in the class the first ½ hour and then the students show their parents around. A third option is to have new parents meet with Mrs. Thomas and Tracey from 6:00-6:30 and then the classrooms open from 6:30-7:15. This discussion will continue at the next Community meeting to find a solution that all staff can agree on. Another suggestion from Mrs. Michaels was to have a parent representative from each classroom call that classroom's parents and remind them of the Open House and the time.

School is a Feeling

A discussion took place about who should be responsible for planning these. A suggestion was given to do a calendar of each month to the end of the year and see what is scheduled so far. This would include the Reading Ctm. and Climate Ctm. programs, assemblies already scheduled by Mrs. Verity and special assemblies (i.e. Halloween) and see what months are left. Then staff can decide what else to plan.

Parents entering the building in AM and PM

A discussion took place about having clear communication about this to give to parents. It was stressed that **we really want parents involved in our school** as much as possible and **they are a very important part of our school family**. The concern is about safety, fostering independence, and a smooth beginning of the classrooms' day. Mrs. Thompson will be drafting a letter regarding a policy concerning this for our school, all staff will have input as to what is says and then it will be shared with parents.

Laminator

As our laminator is gone, FSA have very graciously offered to buy a new hot laminator for our school!

Bailey Spotlight at December11th BOE meeting

Anyone who has something they would like to do for this please let Mrs. Thompson know.

March 20th Superintendent's Conference Day

Please let Diane know of any suggestions for this day.

Fieldtrips

Mrs. Thompson asked that when the letter is sent home regarding an upcoming fieldtrip to please be specific as to parents' role in that trip. All classes going on the trip should give the same message regarding this. For example, some fieldtrips you may want parents to meet you there, while others is more curriculum based and it is not a fieldtrip for parents to attend.

Halloween

Our Halloween parade will take place at 1:00pm in the gym. The lunch/recess schedule will be modified to reflect this. Mrs. McCartney will do the decorations and Mrs. Flynn will be our master of ceremonies as usual. A flyer will be sent home emphasizing that costumes allowed in school have to be nonviolent.

Lowes Grant

It was brought to Mrs. Thompson's attention that Lowes gives out a lot of grant money to schools. There are grants that the school can apply for and others that the FSA can. Deadlines for applying are 10/17/08 and 2/13/09. Please be thinking of specific school projects that we could use this for. Mrs. McCartney suggested a shelter on the playground for students to get out of the weather. This will be discussed more at the next Community Meeting.

Service Learning Projects

Mrs. McCartney brought up some projects that first grades are considering doing. The first is *Pennies for Patients* that we did last year. It was decided that we would like this to continue to be a school wide project. Two other suggestions was the recycling of old crayons and capri sun containers. Miss McGill will be asked to write something up about these two to provide information to staff.

Recess

Concerns about recess were again raised. It was felt that things are going better. One important thing is that if it is going to be indoor recess the announcement needs to be made early so students can be prepared. Also, a suggestion was made that perhaps monitors should be assigned to specific classes so that they get to know the students and the students know who to go to when issues arise. Mrs. Thompson will discuss this at the next monitor's meeting.

CAT Meetings

All participants shared the input they received and the decision is that we are a small primary school who has different needs than Momot. We do not need to take whole days for meeting as the number of referrals are lower. If there is a particular week when there are a lot of students on the agenda we will start at 2:00. We feel we need to take away as little time from direct instruction as possible.

New program proposal

Mrs. McCartney has written a new program proposal for a developmental kindergarten at Bailey. All members of the SIP Team need to get their constituent's feeling on this as it is a decision for the whole school to make if it is to be submitted. As the deadline is

November 3rd, **all staff should be ready to discuss this at the Community Meeting On October 20th.**

Next Community Meeting

For the next Community Meeting on October 29th Mrs. Sullivan will facilitate the meeting and Mrs. Conroy will be the note taker.