

Welcome: Summer plans- Share if you like: The following site council members were in attendance: Jim Ruder, Leigh Schmidt, Tonya Benz, Susan Christiansen, Jennifer Bradley, Abby Jakowski, Charyn Grandau, Lee Lohr/Jennifer Klawiter, Brandi Mueller, and Sarah Gaskell Not in attendance: Beth Junge, Steve Schultz, Jen Krull, Bruce Moore, and Kaitie Smith

501c3 Report from Charyn- Need for a Treasurer for next year was discussed as Jen Krull is stepping down. Our status with the IRS as a 501c3 is back up and running. Charyn shared an outline of a budget from 501c3 for Site Council to work from. Charyn will share the plan electronically with members.

STEM Curriculum/ Personalized Learning -

*Kaitie is overseeing the STEM budget and will spend our grant within given budget accounts and time lines.

*After-school programming for update next year- Kaitie continues to work on after-school options. We received an \$1,000 Optimist's Grant to help with after-school program and transportation.

*Garden has been planted and the majority is labeled. Isabel A. will be the contact person with any questions. Leigh or Abby will send out a Sign-up Genius for families to sign up for a week of watering and weeding as needed.

MARKETING UPDATE:

*Tours have continued. We generally have a short list of 2-3 students at each grade level. We were not as successful with recruiting families of diversity. We will plan to market at 4K sites more directly in the fall.

SCHOOL CLIMATE/WELLNESS

Diversity and Equity Committee- The South American Journey took place the afternoon of Friday, May 22, with multi-age groups rotating to stations. The committee has plans to have two major rotating events next year, focusing on Asia and Social Justice in general. They may also have shorter presentations on Dwarfism and Autism. A budget of about \$300 for each of the two big events and \$75 for each of the small events would be helpful. (\$750 total)

Napoli Earthquake Relief Collection. Charyn shared a brief Power Point and description of the needs and to introduce an opportunity to contribute to single change collection. NCS has collected over \$250 to date.

Nurtured Heart- NCS has been invited to have one representative attend a week-long training for trainers this summer in Minneapolis. Mrs. Klawiter is likely to be our representative. We suspect Nurtured Heart perhaps along with PBIS will likely have a prominent roles as we move forward.

Field Day- Abby is heading up efforts again. She has designed a rotation of groups again between hiking, fishing, and a couple of games. We will try to leave by 9:05 am and arrive closer to 9:20 am.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences in August Teachers will devote time on Aug. 17 and 18th to meeting with new families to get to know students and their hopes, interests, dreams, etc. As a result we expect to establish class lists by June 11 and will share homeroom assignments and offer to schedule conferences after school is dismissed for the year. We have the four study rooms at the Verona Public Library reserved. Many K student families have signed up already. About half of K families are selecting to meet at the library and half in homes.

Dates For Summer Play dates: Tuesday July 21, Wed., August 12, and Thursday August 27 from 6:00-7:00 PM. No popsicles this year. Culver's Scoop cards were discussed.

Other May Events since our last meeting:

Lilada Gee led a meaningful discussion on race with NCS and SC staff.

Kindergarten Evening Visit was well attended by families of students starting up in the fall.

5th Grade History Plays received high reviews by all.

4/5 Canoeing trip went exceptionally well. Mr. Lohr may have started a new tradition.

5th Grade Car wash went well, headed by Mrs. Tracy again, pulling in about \$250 for the 5th grade party.

Ice Cream Social- Leigh was in charge of bringing and having help serve ice cream and water. Nicely attended. Cost was about \$80.

Summer Book Give Away- Susan C headed up the communications, collection and give away. All NCS students selected 3-4 books to keep and read this summer. It was great! Susan received a lot of positive feedback.

5th Grade Graduation was very moving and fun, and the party the following day also went well with a fireworks show to top things off from 9:30-10:00 pm.

Spring Walk or Ride to School Day- June 9. Sarah brought in prizes to give away to participants today during breakfast. We had about 18-20 riders today. Next year we will be sure to do an email blast reminder.

NCS Office Referral Data- We cut the number of our office referrals in half this school year compared to last year. Last year there were 501 referrals recorded compared to about 250 this year. Credit may go to a variety of variables, such as continued efforts to build relationships with students through great teaching, Nurtured Heart Approach

strategies, PBIS tools, some students leaving, others arriving, our newly adopted Discipline Plan with Learner's Pledge, staff studying race, scheduling in a morning recess, etc. We looked at office referrals by gender, race, socio-economics, grade level, disability, time of day, day of week, and month, and subtype. We have made a lot of progress, but recognize we have more room to grow, with a per student ratio higher than many other buildings.

Staffing

* Leigh, Abby, Susan C, and Sue Austen joined Jim on the interview team. We were sad that Bonnie Tuttle elected not to reapply. Bonnie will be sorely missed. We felt fortunate to have some high quality candidates and were pleased to have our consensus top choice verbally accept the position. The candidate's name is Carol Szymanski. (Mrs. S) We will have to interview yet for the EA position filled by Katy Freye because it was a late August hire. Tara Gilbert appreciated the gift from Site Council. Next year we are planning for two Special Education Assistants at NCS, with the return of Kate Peterson and Angelica Oses remaining. The number and needs of students have risen to warrant the additional services.

Site Council By-laws update? Would a few people be interested in meeting this summer to draft considerations to update our Site Council By-laws? Leigh, Susan C., Abby, and Jennifer volunteered.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

Chairpersonship was discussed as Leigh would like to step down and Kaitie Smith is backing out of initial interest. Susan C. agreed to take the lead and has been meeting with Leigh already.

Account Balance: \$9,487.54 as of May 30. We received the STEM grant reimbursement of \$8,417. This is due to us because of the successful EPIC grant covering the majority of the matching funds.

Requests:

* We need to supplement the EPIC grant by about \$175 to cover the 25% local funds match. Motion to cover that expense was made and seconded. The total grant expenditure was \$25,448.67. Leigh moved, Abby seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

* **Our current EveryDay Math** materials are from a 2007 edition. It is the recommendation from staff and supported by the 501c3 committee to purchase a newly released edition of Everyday Math which is closely aligned to the common core and utilizes more technology. It would take \$8,656.07 to purchase the whole package, slightly less than projected because K and 1 bought math manipulative materials with some of their STEM grant money. Another option is to wait a year. Kaitie Smith did write an EPIC grant to cover this expense, but we are uncertain if EPIC will support this. The District Curriculum Dept. is not able to support this effort. After a healthy discussion of pros and cons of purchasing at this time took place, Leigh motioned and Brandi seconded to spend

the \$8,656.07 to complete the purchase of a full update kits. Motion carried with all in favor.

Operating Budget Contribution- Site Council/501c3 has been annually responsible for 0.02 FTE of our Operating Budget. That is equivalent to \$1,200. Motion made by Leigh and seconded by Abby to cover this. Motion carried with all in favor.

Announcements:

June 10- School-wide Goodman Center Field Day (last full day of school)

June 11- Dismissal at 12:20 pm.

Next NCS Site Council meeting date: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 4:00 at NCS.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM

Summer Work Projects- Our boiler needed a lot of TLC to make it through the last two winters. It was uncertain if that could be repeated again next winter. The District is going to have to have a new boiler installed this summer; the cost is likely to be around \$40,000.