

Classical School

Advisory Council Minutes

February 9, 2010

6:00-7:00pm in Room 122

Roll Call – Kiran Chawla, Constance Ford, Ann Gilboa, Mohit Uberoi, and Christine VanRyzin

Student Council Update – Student Council raised \$1,188.47 for the American Red Cross to support relief efforts in Haiti. In March, students will begin collecting donations for the emergency shelter.

Administrative Updates – Constance Ford reported on the 2010-2011 enrollment. All grade levels are full for next school year with the exception of some options in the eighth grade. We will have 26 students in each homeroom for grades K- 3; 27 students per homeroom in grades 4 – 6; and up to 30 students per homeroom in grades 7 and 8. We received about 300 applications for next school year and have a waiting list at most grade levels.

Summer school will run this year from June 14th to July 16th with no school the week of June 28th – July 2nd. Summer school registration will be held on the evening of March 9th. We will hold just one night of registration this year. Kari Campshure will be the summer school coordinator again this year.

We will begin the Aramark morning nutrition program on Tuesday, February 16th. Homeroom teachers will go through the process with students in addition to the letter that went home.

The waiver for 2010-2011 will be voted on toward the end of the school year, but it looks like we will not have any issues getting it passed again this year. The waiver allows us to change our lunch period times for grades 7 and 8 in order to have a 3:00pm dismissal time (instead of 3:20pm).

Our Spanish teachers are organizing some cinco de mayo activities for our students for May 5th. We will have professional and other trained salsa dancers perform for the students at an afternoon assembly. Students will also get Mexican treats in their homerooms and will be able to have cascarones (confetti-filled eggs) at lunch recess.

We will be hosting a school-wide essay contest again this year. The contest information will be handed out to students on March 1st. Essays will be due by 3:00pm on April 8th. We're hoping to have as good participation as we did last year – or even better!

Curriculum and Program Updates – Kathy Povolny, Program Support Specialist, reported on the following:

- Returning student pre-registration forms were sent home with students on February 4th. They are due back to the Classical School office by March 4, 2010.
- Classical School spring conferences will be held from 8:00-11:00am on Friday, March 19th, and from 4:15-6:30pm on Monday, March 22nd and Wednesday, March 24th. The Girl Scout troops will provide babysitting services in the music room for all three conference sessions. The Staff Appreciation Committee will be providing food for the staff for each conference session. We will also be honoring our Classical School volunteers during conferences.
- Update on K-8 Student Clubs, Activities, and Sports:
 - The 7th/8th grade Science Fair will take place on Tuesday, February 16th. Our 7th and 8th graders will set up their experiments in the Forum immediately after school. Science Fair

judges will rate student exhibits in the early part of the evening and families are welcome to visit the exhibits in the latter part of the evening.

- The Science Olympiad team will be competing in the Regional Competition of the Wisconsin Science Olympiad on Saturday, March 6th.
- Three Classical School Destination Imagination teams will compete in the 2010 regional tournament at New Holstein Middle School on March 6th. Classical's Destination Imagination Coordinator is Sally LaCroix. Team coaches are Sonia Baherawala, Ravi Vir, Gillian Sanos-Giles, Heather Hayes, Janet Grad, and Paul Heuring.
- The Eagles girls' basketball season is well underway and the girls will finish up their season with tournament play February 25-27th. Six Classical School students are participating on the basketball team.
- A Classical School 7/8 grade dance is scheduled for Friday, March 12th. The 8th Grade Farewell is scheduled for Friday, May 21st.
- The Classical School Forensics season is well under way. Mrs. VanRyzin and Mrs. Crownhart and Classical 6-8th grade students held a practice meet with Houdini Elementary in January. Their Level I and Level II competitions will take place this month.
- The Classical Ski Club has taken to the slopes on January 8 and 15th. Its final trip is scheduled for February 12th. The attendance this year is very high. All students will be required to wear helmets for the final ski trip this year, and for future years.
- Knowledge-a-thon kick-off is March 18th and the actual Knowledge-a-thon will be held on April 23rd. Jenny Ho and her committee have arranged many activities over the course of the next two months to help the students in their preparations for Knowledge-a-thon Day.