

Classical School

Advisory Council Minutes

April 13, 2010

6:00-7:00pm in Room 122

Roll Call – Constance Ford, Ann Gilboa, Jenny Ho, Peter Leschke, Christine VanRyzin, and Tim Webster.

Student Council Update – Student Council collected 578 items for the Animal Shelter in the March drive. Many of the items were larger items and everything was greatly appreciated by the shelter. Student Council members also have worked on posters to promote the Spring Fling Costume Dance and Eighth Grade Farewell. Next month, Student Council will be wrapping up the Pennies for Peace drive that ran all year.

Administrative Updates – Constance Ford reported on the following items:

- **Summer School** – Summer school will begin on June 14th and will run through July 16th. We will not have classes the week of June 28th – July 2nd. Any parents who are still interested in enrolling their children in available classes should submit forms to Mrs. Campshure.
- **Dental Program** – The Tri-County Dental Clinic is providing free dental screenings and care in the Appleton Area District schools this year to children to children who receive free or reduced lunch.
- **School Essay Contest** – This year's school essay contest focused on the Core Knowledge sayings and phrases. Students were given contest information on March 1st and essays were due on April 8th. We had great student participation again this year and hope to make this an annual event. Students who receive bronze, silver, or gold awards will be notified by May 14th. The students who receive gold awards for each of the three age-level categories will also have the opportunity to read their essays at our school assembly on May 28th.
- **Spring Fling Costume Dance** – On Friday, April 23rd, we will be holding a costume dance. The dance will run from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Students may wear their Knowledge-a-thon costumes from earlier in the day or any other school-appropriate costume. We will also have jump rope and hoola hoop contests during the dance for the students.
- **Knowledge-a-thon** – Knowledge-a-thon will take place on April 23rd. We'll begin testing at 8:15am. Jenny Ho reported that we had a successful kickoff on March 18th with a school video that featured every classroom. We have also had weekly events to keep the students excited about Knowledge-a-thon and practicing. We have had a number of businesses make donations and will acknowledge them in the *Classical Columns*. Any parents who are interested in volunteering for Knowledge-a-thon should contact Jenny.
- **Cinco de Mayo** – On May 5th the students we will sponsor some cinco de mayo activities at school which will include a dance performance in the afternoon by professional dancers, cascarnes during lunch recess, and Mexican treats for students in homeroom at the end of the day. We are still in need of more cascarnes so we're asking parents to help out with that.
- **Last Day of School** - This year, our elementary and 7th/8th grade students will end on different days. The 7th/8th grade students will end on Thursday, June 3rd at 11:50am. Elementary students will finish the school year on Friday, June 4th, at 9:23am. This is the first year our students in the two levels have ended on different days.

- **Registration for 2010-2011** – Registration packets for the 2010-2011 school year will be sent home on July 30th. We will also send locker and combination information with the registration packets to our 7th and 8th graders so they can stop by the school to set up their lockers and practice their combinations over in August if they wish. Registration materials and fees will be due in the Classical School office by August 13th.
- **7th/8th Individual Schedules and K-8 Homeroom Placement** – Individual schedules for our 7th and 8th graders will be sent on August 16th. Homeroom class lists for grades K-8 will be posted outside the Classical School office on August 17th. We will also have fall and spring parent-teacher conference sign up sheets posted on August 17th.
- **Election of Parent Representatives for 2010-2011** – The following parents volunteered to be considered as a parent representative for 2010-2011: Ann Gilboa, Jenny Ho, Nancy Reis, Tami Schneider, Kathy Wilks, and Michelle Zich. Ballots were handed out for parents present to vote for two representatives. Ann Gilboa and Jenny Ho received the most votes and will be representatives for the next school year.

Curriculum and Program Updates – Constance Ford reported on the following items in Kathy Povolny's absence

- **MAP Testing** – MAP testing in reading and math will take place between April 19th and May 7th for students in grades 2-8. Classical does MAP testing every spring. Kathy Povolny will be proctoring the exams.
- **Update on K-8 Student Clubs, Activities, and Sports** –
 - **Spring Sports:**
 - 28 participants in 7th/8th grade boys/girls track
 - 11 participants in 7th grade girls volleyball
 - 3 participants in 8th grade girls softball
 - **Clubs:**
 - **Science Olympiad:** The state competition in Madison on April 10th went very well. Team members received several medals.
 - **Spelling Bee:** An eighth-grade student from Classical won the CESA 6 regional spelling bee and advanced to the State Bee in Madison on March 20th.
 - **Destination Imagination:** The 2010 Regional Tournament held at New Holstein Middle School on March 6th. The teams did a great job and gained experience for next year. Sally LaCroix will coordinate Destination Imagination again next year.
 - **Forensics:** Our Forensics teams performed wonderfully at the Level I and Level II meets. Classical groups achieved 11 firsts at the Level II meet.
 - **Activities:**
 - **Kindergarten Placement Testing and Visitation:** The kindergarten visitation and orientation will be from 9:00 – 10:00am on May 12th for new kindergarten students. We will do placement testing in reading and math on May 20th from 8:15 – 10:45am.
 - **Staff Appreciation Week:** Sarah Roe is coordinating staff appreciation week at Classical for the week of May 3rd – 7th. Parents should watch for more information from Sarah later this month.
 - **School Supply Kits:** The school supply kits have been ordered for families who purchased them. They should arrive around mid-August. Parents will receive a Phone Alert message when the kits have arrived and are available for pick up.

▪ **Other Upcoming Events Include:**

• **April:**

- 13 – All Strings Festival at PAC for grades 5-8
- 14 – Opera for the Young performance of Rusalka – 9:30am
- 23 – Spring Fling Costume Dance 6:00 – 7:30pm (K-8)

• **May:**

- 4 – Orchestra (4-8) and choir (7-8) concert 7:30pm in the Forum
- 13 – Band concert (grades 6 – 8) at 7:30pm
- 21 – Picnic hot lunch today (K-8)
- 21 – Eighth Grade FAREWELL party – Forum – 6:00 – 8:30pm

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. This was our last meeting of the school year.