



Parchment School District

DISTRICT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2006

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SCHOOL BRD. _____
PARENT ADV. _____

CALL TO ORDER

Ruth Rowe called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. at North Elementary and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the table.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Alexander, Susan Duff, Jodie Lugar-McManus, Carol Ward, Sandy Pyne, Sonja LeRoy, Marcy Patterson, and Ruth Rowe

Ruth talked about changes – what is the purpose of the District Coordinating Council and should it continue. She wanted the group to think about a time that they served on a committee/participated in a group where they felt like a valued member.

- How did you interact?
- What was the purpose of the group?
- What made it successful?
- Was there a vision – regarding a goal/fundraiser/community play?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the May 10, 2006 minutes as written was made by Carol Ward, seconded by Sonja LeRoy.

Motion carried.

BOND UPDATE

A Bond Committee comprised of teachers, community members, business owners and parents have been meeting and touring other districts high schools and are ready to bring a proposal to a special Board of Education meeting on Monday, October 16. The committee had set up 5 guiding principles with the first and most important goal to be fiscally responsible.

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The district is working on school improvement in all school buildings. The committee was asked to think about a combination of our School Improvement teams, Staff Development Committee and the District Coordinating Council under one umbrella. October 30th is proposed to bring a group together.

OBE/BUILDING SCHOOLCENTRAL IMPROVEMENTSREPORTS

Carol Ward reported:

- ✦ MiBLSi program showing great results with average referral per day per month cut down to ½ of what it was last September
 - Staff being more proactive with behaviors
- ✦ Counselor Stephanie Hyer is piloting Second Step with 4th graders. She also has specific students that she meets with based on last year's data
- ✦ Teachers have signed up to mentor specific students (silent mentoring)
- ✦ Positive contacts sent home monthly by to students by all staff members
- ✦ Weekly rewards for staying on track
- ✦ 4th grades have started Aesthetic Arts Education with their art teachers Liz Harkins and Laura Lekan
- ✦ MEAP going on the week of October 9, continuing trough Oct. 27

BARCLAY

- ✦ Open House held in September very successful
- ✦ Fourth Friday count – well attended. Cookout with many activities
- ✦ MEAP classes being held in study skills class
- ✦ Parent-Teacher conferences planned for October 19
- ✦ Staff and administrators looking at ways to better serve the at-risk population

HIGH SCHOOL

- ✦ Four Foreign Exchange students this year representing Germany, Venezuela, Japan and Spain
- ✦ English teacher Lisa Ouellette started a Creative Writing Club
- ✦ Band performed at MSBOA on October 11 and at Gull Lake Invitational October 14
- ✦ The band hosted a visit from the Drum Corps International and David Montgomery (WMU Bronco Band Director). Mr. Montgomery helped with rehearsals and provided feedback and encouragement

HIGH SCHOOL (con't)

- ✦ Homecoming Week October 9 ⇨ 13
 - Theme: Movie Genres, Charity: Gryphon Place, Parade on Friday. Other highlights of the week included: Theme Days, Lunch Games, Powder-puff Football, Float building, Pep Assembly, Attendance Counts, Banner Competitions, Car Smash, Homecoming Dance
- ✦ Focus teacher Nancy Looper will be taking her 4th and 5th block classes to the Nature Center on October 13 to participate in Survival Camp. The programs includes the following sessions: Common Sense Outdoor Training – Problem Solving Skills, Survival Items – Logical reasoning skills, Compass/Map Training – Math Skills and Shelter Making – Teambuilding skills.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ✦ Bullying grant from Kalamazoo Foundation to fund a workshop Challenge Day
- ✦ School Improvement – teachers have been working with data from the MEAP and MAP testing
- ✦ Many activities – girls' basketball, cross country, after school wood shop 3-days a week
- ✦ 9th hour is taking place every Wednesday and Thursday
- ✦ Study table helps athletes
- ✦ Yearbook Club will start November 8 and go every other Wednesday after school
- ✦ 9th hour - the band room is open for band students to get individual help, etc.

NORTH

- ✦ Grade levels looking at MAP Data – DesCartes
- ✦ Second Step program – social skills program for K-5
- ✦ D.A.R.E. program started for K-5
- ✦ Mileage Club
- ✦ Open House was successful, held a scavenger hunt

NORTHWOOD

- ✦ MiBLSi implemented – staff meetings focusing on procedures and getting used to the "lingo" but are amazed at some of the results that they are seeing especially at lunch time.
- ✦ Grades 3, 4 and 5 are taking MEAP
- ✦ 3rd grades are participating in the EFA
- ✦ Literacy night held October 17. Many activities through out the school to show parents all the work that is done at school in regards to improving children's literacy as well as activities they can do at home.
- ✦ PTA is hosting a Monster Mash on October 27

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.