

Community Council Meeting, April 8, 2014

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- > In attendance: Janice Flanagan, Daniel Bartholoma, Cassandra Bowers,
- > Becky Vanderbeek, Joan Thompson, Christy Olsen, Wendy Timothy, Wendee
- > Weight, Gayleen Gandy
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- > Positives -
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- > Daniel - Janice is the best principal ever.
- > Janice - Happy to be back from Istanbul on vacation. Janice is interviewing for teachers next year. One of her teacher applicants wants to come to our school. She loved the secretary and she said that the school has a good feel.
- > Cassie - Happy to be back after missing last month Joan - Spring break
- > was nice, but I am happy to be back with my kids Christy - Went to the
- > zoo with the first graders and it was great.
- > Wendee - Loved spring break.
- > Becky - Life is good.
- > Wendee - Likes the camaraderie with the staff, teachers and parents
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- > *Volunteer Tea is coming up on April 30th at 3:15
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- > *School Trust Lands Plan
- > -State website is not functioning and is expected to be up by April 16th. We will have 5 days after the website is up to get our plan submitted.
- > -Our two goals are to see improvement in reading (3% increase in students who are meeting benchmark) and math (all students increasing proficiency on GQB by 20%). Most of our money is budgeted for teaching aides. We also have money for library books, computer software and hardware.
- > -Joan wanted to know about money for recorders for the music program. Janice will look into alternative funding sources for those.
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- > Motion to approve the plan as amended - Cassie Bowers 2nd to Motion -
- > Wendy Timothy Voting Janice Flanagan - Yea Cassie Bowers - Yea Joan
- > Thompson- Yea Christy Olsen - Yea Wendee Weight - Yea Becky Vanderbeek
- > - Yea Wendy Timothy - Yea Daniel Bartholoma - Yea
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- > *Elections Process - For next years Community Council, it was proposed to have applications due by June 1st. It was further proposed to have the voting on the 27th and 28th of August through the survey monkey program. Elections will be promoted/advertised in the parent meeting, Thursday Notes, email, phone calls, face book. The voting was unanimous in favor of the proposal.
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- > * Gayleen Gandy - One of the board goals is community engagement and we see Community Council as the key. The Community Council is the primary avenue for parents to be involved in policy for the schools. Thank you for your service.
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- > *Cassie Bowers will update the SNAP map and have it for approval at
- > next month's meeting
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- > *Arts program discussion

- > -Daniel wants to only have it as an after school program.
- > -Wendy Timothy feels like the elementary program is very necessary for instrumental music in Junior High and High School. Kids have so many things to do after school, she would like to see it still during the day.
- > -Gayleen Gandy said the primary reason the school board wanted to give the option to the schools was because Orchestral Music is part of the Junior High curriculum. The elementary music curriculum is much simpler. What was a supplemental program, orchestral music, became the only program for a long time.
- > -Becky Vanderbeek wants to do an instrumental week to help encourage kids to play instruments and want to do it in Junior High.
- > -Gayleen Gandy said part of the reason the district is providing a fine arts specialist is to help bridge the gap for teachers who not prepared to teach all the fine arts and music curriculum.
- > -Daniel feels like parents need to pay something for the after school program to show their commitment.
- > -Joan spoke to some of the teachers at our school and the feedback that she got was that they would like to have all of the kids in their class be involved in the music instruction. She also wondered about doing music three weeks a month and having one week a month for visual arts. Upon further discussion, we are going to look at different ways to do the visual arts instruction.
- > -The council voted unanimously to have our fine arts specialist focus on music. We still need to figure out details of what that will look like for 5th and 6th grade.
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- > *Our last meeting for the year is May 13th at 3:15