

Get Involved! Mancelona Parent Teacher Group Minutes

October 21, 2008

Members Present: Melanie Michaels and Kacey Prichard

Others Present: Trent Naumcheff (Elementary Principal), Eric Shupback (Concord's Recycling Contact), Fawn & Mike Southwell, Nancy Duve, Lisa Hartley, Lisa Holstein, Debbie & Peter Bookless, Ms. Thayer (Readiness 4 Teacher), Samantha Dennis, Jennifer Oetting, and Carrie Jenkins

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

1. Recycling:

Kacey Prichard, Get Involved! Co-chair introduced Eric Shupback from Concord in Alba. He discussed the new recycling programs at Concord and how Mancelona Schools would be able to work in conjunction with them to begin a small part of recycling in the community. Mr. Shupback explained how Concord students collect recyclable items in the classrooms and then he transports them to the Emmet County Recycling Center. He also indicated there is a point at which his school will begin receiving a small amount of money for their recycling efforts.

It was decided after much discussion that Mancelona Elementary School would begin recycling at a small level (paper only) within the classrooms. Four individuals volunteered to head up the Recycling Sub-committee (Nancy Duve, Fawn Southwell, Lisa Hartley and Lisa Holstein). They are hoping to have a plan implemented come parent teacher conferences (November 11, 2008).

2. Pizza Fundraiser

Melanie Michaels, Get Involved! Co-chair discussed the pizza fundraiser and how it will benefit the school by providing monies for new playground equipment and future elementary school activities.

Ms. Michaels also discussed the need for volunteers on delivery day (November 20, 2008) to help with the receipt of money and pick up of orders.

3. Playground Equipment

Melanie Michaels discussed the need for replacing the wooden playground equipment. With the monies available the Get Involved! parent teacher group will be replacing the wooden equipment with two new items for the playground. She asked for volunteers who would be available to take down the old and put up the new in the early spring.

4. Turkey Luncheon

Melanie Michaels explained the Turkey Luncheon set for November 24, 2008. Each child in the elementary school will be able to bring a special friend (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc) to join them for a turkey lunch the week of Thanksgiving. Ms. Michaels also indicated we are in need of volunteers to help set up, decorate, serve food and then clean up. Volunteers need to arrive at the elementary school between 9:00 – 9:30am.

Kacey Prichard spoke on the Turkey Luncheon and how last year she took pictures of the students and their luncheon friend, developed them and then passed them out to the students. She asked if anyone was interested in volunteering for this position. Ms. Prichard also indicated a Polaroid camera would be more convenient due to the fact that the child can take the picture right then and the picture taker would not have such a hard time matching the pictures with the correct child.

5. Carnival Decorations

Melanie Michaels explained that Get Involved! works each year with the carnival team, specifically Theresa Haynes, to create, hang up and take down carnival decorations. Ms. Michaels invited everyone to help.

Several of the parents expressed they are not available during the day to help with volunteering.

Kacey Prichard indicated that she is also only available in the evenings and that having parents available at different times works great. She explained that decorations can be made or cut out's can be prepared at home and the school can be decorated in the early evening if necessary.

6. Spring Fling / Mom to Mom Sale / Community Wide Sale

Melanie Michaels discussed the Mom to Mom sale held October 18, 2008 at the elementary school. She indicated that the numbers of attendees was down from last year. Ms. Michaels also indicated one possible suggestion from a vendor at the sale was to hold it during the Spring Fling (free family activity day at the elementary school). It was suggested that there be a sale inside and outside, inviting the community to attend and sell items for all ages. This will be discussed further and at more detail.

7. Various Matters

Melanie Michaels discussed the glow necklaces that Get Involved! bought for each elementary student. She explained that an officer will be coming to the school on Monday, October 27, 2008 to talk about Halloween safety. The glow necklaces will be passed out on Thursday to the Readiness 4 programs and on Friday to the remainder of the school. She also indicated these necklaces are activated by bending them and we need to spread the word to children and parents that they should not bend them until they are ready to use them.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm and was followed by pizza from the Pizza Shop.