

Get Involved!
Parent/Teacher Group Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2009

Attendees: Nancy Duve, Lori Gooden, Stacy Grimshaw, Lisa Hartley, Crystal Horton, Melanie Michaels, Kim Musselman, Trent Naumcheff, Connie Thompson, Chris Thompson, Mindy Tracey, Inga Waldrep, and Grace Waters.

Title I – Mr. Naumcheff reviewed the compact and discussed parental involvement and opportunities within the school. He went over the role of parents in planning for school programs and helping to evaluate and support them.

Fall Fundraiser – The Kickoff date is October 2nd. Delivery day will be on November 2nd. We need several volunteers – there is a sign up sheet in the Parent Group office if you are interested. We will be setting up samples of some of the products that can be purchased through the fundraiser in the school office. Please stop by to look at the display.

Events for the 2009-10 School Year – We need volunteers to help with activities and events which are scheduled for the current school year.

Popcorn – Every Thursday morning from approximately 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. we sell popcorn to the students, teachers, and staff for 50 cents per bag. In order to keep the popcorn program going, we need to have 3 or 4 people to help with the popping, money collecting, delivery of popcorn, and the clean up. We can usually manage with 3 people, but 4 are better. We have a sign up sheet in the parent room if you are interested in helping.

Turkey Luncheon – will take place on Monday, November 23rd. This event is put on by Communities and Schools, and the Parent Group has been asked to set up the tables and decorations, as well as helping out in the kitchen and serving food. Tables will be set up in the gym, art room, and cafeteria. Each child will be allowed to invite one guest to the luncheon.

Spring Carnival – The Parent Group is responsible for making and hanging the yearly spring carnival decorations which we start in early February. There is a sign up sheet in the Parent Group office if you are interested in helping. This year's theme is Outer Space. The carnival takes place the first or second week of March.

Tree Conservation Week – The Parent Group arranges for someone to come in from the Antrim County Conservation to do a presentation for the students about Earth Day. We also order and distribute trees for all students to take home in the celebration of Earth Day.

Spring Fling/Mom to Mom Sale – Takes place in May. This is an event in which students are able to participate in the making of several different craft activities and are provided with a free lunch. This past year, Beckie Cook (from Communities and Schools) arranged for National Honor Society students to volunteer and help with the activities. We are planning on asking the National Honor Society students to help out again next year.

Airwave Day – is scheduled for Friday, May 21st. If we are able to make our sales quota for the Fall Fundraiser, all students will be able to participate in Airwave Day.

Accelerated Reader helpers for teachers are needed – especially for the first graders. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know by calling 587-8661, ext 357 or email getinvolved@mancelonaschools.org.

Kim Musselman discussed the MiBISi (Michigan's Behavior and Learning Support Initiative) program that our school has been selected to participate in. It is a grant program offered through the Michigan Department of Education that helps schools implement positive behavior and reading interventions. If you would like to learn more about the program, or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Musselman at the Communities In Schools office.

During this 2009-10 School Year, the Parent Teacher group will be meeting every other month. We will send out notices prior to each meeting.

The Recycling Club will be meeting next Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Grace Waters provided information regarding the recycling programs that the school currently is participating in. Grace is planning on sending out a letter with all students to let parents know how they can help support in our recycling program. Since we are a member of the Michigan Green Schools, we are selling bags that are made out of recycled plastic bottles. They can be purchased in the school office or through the Parent Group office (please contact Grace Waters, Melanie Michaels, or Lisa Hartley). Small bags cost \$2.00 and the large bags cost \$3.00.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Immediately following the meeting, pizza was provided to all individuals that attended the meeting along with their families.