

Parent Volunteer Team Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016



1. **In attendance:** *Tara Mudgett, Ellen Young, Kelly Avery, Teresa Merrifield, Jill Hancock, Kathi Fuller, Sally Collins and Kara O'Leary*

2. **Calendar Review:**

Mrs. Bartlett reviewed the following calendar items:

- I Love to Read & Write Week (2/8-2/12)
- NH Presidential Primary-in the Gym (2/9)
- Parent Teacher Conferences (2/10- from 3pm to 6pm) <<No Middle Team Mtg>>
- YET Training w/ Sydney Leggett (2/11)
- Mid-Year Growth Celebration @ 8am on 2/12
- Winter Carnival (2/19)
- Winter Break (2/22-2/26)

3. **Parent Teacher Conferences: What Parents should expect**

Mrs. Bartlett explained the various ways we have scheduled parent conferences in the past and how/why we selected the parent conference dates this year. She also reviewed what parents could expect during the February 9, 2016 conferences.

- **ePortfolio Review**—*Teachers will be helping parents to sign into the portal, explain where to find the information and assist anyone who needs to reset their password.*
- **Recent NWEA results and goal setting**—*Teachers are working with students to review and understand their NWEA results. They are also working with students to set goals prior to taking the test with the hope that they will be more invested in their testing if they can see a clear connection between their goals and their results.*
- **SBAC results and goal setting**—*(Only for students in grades 4-8) Same as above, with the exception that the NWEA test is administered several times a year and the SBAC is only administered in the spring.*

A parent in attendance asked, referring to Primary Tier students, about the length (in terms of time) of the NWEA test. Mrs. Bartlett explained that typically it takes a Primary student approximately 20 minutes per test.

4. **New Business:**

- **16-17 School Year Calendar (proposed)**—*Mrs. Bartlett shared that this is in process*
- **Built in Teacher PD Days**—*Mrs. Bartlett explained that there will be some teacher professional development days built into next year's calendar.*
- **PVT Goal Setting**—*The members in attendance agreed that the first goal for the PVT should be to assist Student Council in their quest to raise funds to update the playground equipment. Mrs. Merrifield gave a quick history of what has been done to date including the grant from Meredith Village Savings and a letter writing campaign to local businesses.*

The following fundraising ideas were discussed:

- 1) *Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant—Lowes offers public schools the opportunity to apply for up to \$5,000 in grant money. Mrs. Merrifield and her student council members will be working to write the grant request.*
- 2) *Create a Flash Mob Video (incorporating parents, staff and students) illustrating why we need the new playground equipment and send the video to the Ellen DeGeneres Show to ask for her support.*
- 3) *Theme/holiday centered ideas such as:
Ashland 4th of July Celebration
Haunted House/Pumpkin Sales
Christmas in Ashland Craft Fair
Christmas Tree/Poinsettia Sales
Plant Sales in conjunction with Muffins for Moms*
- 4) *Create an Amazon “Smile” page, where a certain portion of each sale is donated to the school.*
- 5) *Create a catalog featuring local artisans and their products, instead of a more traditional fundraising catalog.*
- 6) *Plan a night where our student musicians and chorus members are performing at a local restaurant in return for a portion of the evening’s proceeds being donated to the playground fund.*
- 7) *Consider a few other fundraisers like the Little Caesars Pizza Kits and a new fundraising catalog featuring lunch boxes (Perhaps as a back to school fundraiser)*

Other goals that were discussed included:

- 1) *Find ways to bring adults (parents, guardians or community members) together with the students so they can work together towards the playground goals*
- 2) *Use social media, such as a Parent Volunteer Team Facebook page, to post information for parents and community members. (It would be a closed page, members would need to be invited and accepted to participate)*
- 3) *Increase membership—all of these great ideas will take a lot of people working together. Please come to the next meeting and bring a friend.*

5. Election of a PVT Chair:

After much discussion among the group, Sally Collins will assume the responsibility of coordinating the PVT activities.

6. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 4:30 pm (the members presented agreed that 4:30 was a better time to meet than 6:00 pm) in the library.