



Journeys School of Teton Science Schools

Integrating ecology, culture and community to ensure academic excellence and personal success for Pre-K through 12th grade students in an independent school setting.

Parent Council Meeting Notes: March 12, 2008

Mission of Parent Council could be communication facilitator, within the greater community and the Journeys community.

Nate felt that communication within the Jackson community could help us reach our goal of 220 students, finding the right families for Journeys. Betty's statement regarding the combination of superior academics and the culture of school where kids are respectful and learning conflict resolution are great reasons for choosing the Journeys School. All parents expressed gratitude for the teachers.

The recent ad in the paper had questionable effectiveness to some. It was suggested that maybe someone (Keith Peters?) could be in charge of marketing again. Celebrating the reasons Journeys is different rather than likening ourselves to the alternatives.

We also discussed ways to build school spirit within the community. Wearing Journeys t-shirts to Old Bill's, possibly a float in the parades.

As far as communication within Journeys School, effectiveness would be seen by organizing events in smaller levels-pre-k, K-2, 3-5, MS, US. A parents/kids bike ride or hike on campus, sledding party were suggestions- all level specific.

It was suggested that new families to the school could receive greater support during their first year and in particular that 1st back-to-school potluck. Maybe Parent Council could host new parent evenings, or different colored name-tags for new parents at potluck.

Another parent suggested that parent quotes of appreciation for the school could appear in Basecamp News.

Nate mentioned that next year there will be access to a Parent Council page on the web site.

In-school recognition for community achievers. Athletes should be recognized for their contribution to the school and community. Banners were suggested with athletes names, maybe donuts. Katie will develop this idea further.

Teacher support going well at the younger levels. Suggestions for middle and upper levels are to keep parents informed of events during school time ie. middle school presenting at all-school meeting and invitations for all to capstone presentations.

Next meeting is April 2nd, 8am

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