

Journeys School  
Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2010 8:15-9:30am

Members Present: Remy L, Andrea R, Amy W, Dana N, Kim R, Carin M, Cindy, Caroline L, Susannah L, Danny J, Heidi J, Jane G, Jane H, Ashley L, Rachel W, Meaghan T, Jennifer S, Karla T, Pamela D

Staff Present: Tammie Van Holland, Nate McClennen, Maggie Schilling

1. Updates by Grade Level Representatives:

Pre-K: Meaghan and Jane shared that Pre-K is working to make volunteering match the Reggio approach. Teachers are shifting the paradigm to make things more organic / community involved.  
Elementary: Maya not present so Carin shared that she is impressed with Kjera's Day of the Dead.  
Middle: Sara not present so Remy shared that kids are excited about Katrina impact studies. It was great to have local individuals who had direct experience with Katrina - riveted with real stories!  
High: Amy shared that kids are psyched for model UN, six schools participating. Amy mentioned the college coffee chats by Heather and also that college admissions are going well.

2. Teacher Appreciation Committee: Tammie reported that Maya and Kim have the following

Specialty Drink Deliveries: 11/15, 3/18, 6/14

Monthly Lunches/Breakfasts: 10/28-Russell, 11/18-Sanden. Dec-Muromcew, Jan-Williams/Dunn, Feb-Dykema/Hill, Mar-Kirkpatrick/Friess, Apr-Jost, May-Lynch/Tozzi, Jun-Daly/Wigglesworth

Teacher Appreciation Party: February

Home-made Dinner: April/May

Collective Gift: June

3. Community Events

Talent Show: Joohee M is coordinating. All-school, students, teachers, parents! April 29.

Elementary: Carin M is coordinating an event for elementary – maybe ice skating.

4. Development Updates: Maggie Schilling was present and is available if anyone has additional ideas.

Bunnery, Nov 6: The Labbe and Yvernault families are generously donating all proceeds from all sales on Nov 6, 7am-3pm. In addition, customers can overpay and any amount over and above the bill will be a direct donation. The goal is \$10,000 for the event.

Earn One Give One, now through Dec 10: Amy W and Ashley L are working on this project. The goal is 100% student participation and teaching students that earned money, time and resources can be donated to a good cause. Full details in Friday announcements and sent home.

Amangani, Dec 10: Pamela D and Caroline L are co-chairing the event. They are still seeking gifts from parents. Teacher's ideas have already come in. Raffle tickets are being sold online and Karla T is organizing a couple of days to sell them at the grocery stores.

5. Nate Updates: Hope everyone can make it to State of the School on Nov 10. Admissions are gearing up with retention as first priority and new admissions as second. Nate recommends, "Not as Good as you Think" documentary on suburban school myths. Question came up about info in paper about year-round school calendar but Journeys School is not moving in that direction at this time. The longer school day is great so far and the middle/high school's new block schedule is working well.

6. Upcoming Meetings: It was confirmed that Parent Council coffee and meetings (8:15-9:30am) will be the first Wednesday of every month except when there is no school. Please mark your calendars!

December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 13, May 4, June 1

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.