

Present Members: Kieran Joshi, Fred Chi, Katie Krasinski, Bernie McLaughlin, Tim Sullivan, Nyomi Corriveau, Hanne Mully
Attending: Marie Kutlowski, Bill Kohlman

Minutes: Fred Chi

1. Public Input: None
2. Review of Minutes: Minutes accepted
3. Current Status:

High School had a bomb scare on Wednesday, Feb 1st. Police traced the call and an arrest was made. No evidence of a bomb was found.

Budget – Chapter 70 aid is increasing, therefore, the budget picture could be more promising than originally thought. Normal attrition within Fowler and Green Meadow could provide some savings over the next couple of years.

The number of children registered for kindergarten next year is 86, less than the 132 currently. The situation will be monitored and there is the potential to drop a section.

February vacation is next week. The 3rd grade will be completing their Dragon project and will be doing a parade throughout the school on Feb 17th. Students are encouraged to wear red as a symbol of good luck.

Writing workshop was held on Feb 3rd with Bill Atwood. He worked with teachers on various strategies. This workshop was enthusiastically received by teachers and the idea of offering this workshop to parents is being considered.

Discussion was held regarding the Message System that Dr. Masterson is in favor of implementing. Funding and whether this system is better than the current method were discussed.

4. School Improvement Plan: Ensure the Use of Common Tools for the Core Curriculum

Every classroom now has between 1-3 computers. There are printers located in each “pod” versus in each classroom. The third grade uses the Fowler computer lab once a week. Pods have a traveling LCD projector and computers for classrooms to use.

The technology committee, consisting of a group of teachers and tech people, are reviewing technology use. They are looking at curriculum, internet safety and ethical issues. They are also looking at getting more on-site technical support for Green Meadow.

The council had a discussion on software available to teachers – kidspiration was a software that was on most computers in the school and was a very good teaching tool; teachers were trained last fall

Changes made to the Improvement Plan include:

3d. restated the increase of network printers to not mention an actual quantity

3g. regarding a web page for each grade the recommendation from the council was to incorporate just the highlights of each grade, e.g. teachers names, e-mail addresses, classroom schedules . . . This would not require the constant monitoring and updating by staff