

Green Meadow School Council
Minutes of December 06, 2004 meeting

Present: Pricilla Cotter, Bernadette McLaughlin, Nancy Messina, Jessica Nelson, Kristen Richardson

Public: Chris Gould, Lisa James, Bill Kohlman

Absent: Fred Chi, Shirley Dufour, John Mason, Tim Sullivan

- **Public Input**

- Bill Kohlman has offered to arrange a bulletin board display with the pictures and names of all the Green Meadow staff.

- **Minutes**

- The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

- **Current Status**

- Blanket drive has started for the Maynard Food Pantry, people have been very generous.
- Linda Gilberti, retired Maynard High School Librarian, has made another gingerbread house that Green Meadow will be raffling off, .25 for one ticket or five tickets for \$1. All proceeds will go to the Maynard Food Pantry.
- Deb Rousseau from the Fowler School has been working with the 7th graders getting them involved as helpers with Green Meadow's Kindergarten and 1st grade class. The Fowler students (10-12 students) come to Green Meadow at 2 pm to help clean up and to help walk Green Meadow students out to the buses. They help at Green Meadow from 2 pm to 2:40 pm.
- Barbara Bergner's mother recently had a surgery on her leg; Barbara will be out to help her mother.
- There will be after school tutoring for select students from 3rd grade through 9th grade for MCAS and AYP. The tutoring will start in January at Green Meadow and Fowler. They are asking for a commitment from the students and their family. They will not hold a spot in this program for students that can not commit to the program.
- December 23rd will be the second annual sing along.

- **Parent Member's Election**

- The Green Meadow School Council opening for the Parent position was advertised and Shirley Dufour was the only parent who responded. Since Shirley is the only candidate then there is no need for an election and Shirley is our new/renewed Parent member.
- Lisa James, Star tutor and parent, has expressed an interest in becoming a staff member on the Green Meadow School Council. Lisa has recently resigned her title 1 position and

would like to get back into the classroom, so she will be a substitute teacher in January. Bill Kohlman pointed out that Lisa's appointment to the School Council would not be allowed per the Maynard guidelines. The Maynard policy states that the staff member positions are only open for teachers and administrations. The Maynard policy also states that any school employee can not serve on the Council as a parent or community member. Since Lisa is a school employee she is only permitted to serve as a staff member, but since she is not a teacher or admin staff she is not eligible to serve as a Council member. This issue will be brought up to the Superintendent and the School Committee with a suggestion to change these guidelines. There also has been another staff member who inquired about the School Council, Bill noted that we need to be conscious of the staff member ratio to parent and community members. Information will be sent with the next agenda concerning the guidelines for Green Meadow School Council Members.

- **Starting/Ending Time**

- Fowler School Council would like to meet with the Green Meadow School Council to discuss possible adjustments to the starting and ending times of the school day. This meeting would include Lois Cohen, Director of Community Education (EXCEL and FASC). Bernie will talk to Bob Brooks, Fowler School Principal, about meeting at the next Green Meadow Council Meeting on January 3rd. The Fowler School can present their concerns and Green Meadow will review and discuss this to report back to Fowler School.
- Nancy Messina has reviewed the Minnesota research on their changes to the school day starting and ending times. She has this information for anyone who is interested in reviewing it.

- **Public Input**

- From 8-11:30 am on Saturday, December 12th there will be a breakfast with Santa at the Boys and Girls Club. There is a new Marquee outside the Boys and Girls Club advertising what's happening at the Club.
- The Folk Tradition concert was highly attended and a successful fundraiser.
- The holiday shop is open Monday through Thursday.

NEXT MEETING – Mark your calendars

- Monday, January 3rd at 6:30 pm in the GM conference room. We will be meeting with the Fowler School Council to discuss starting and ending times (Bernie will confirm this), and we will be discussing School Board policy for council elections/appointments.