**CMS SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2014

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Present: D. Belcher, L. Graziano, M. Lappas, C. Ostrover, M. Pinto-Leite, M. Scott, D. Tate, A. Hallet, M. Scott, R. Schultz, T. Circelli, L. Pomerance

Minutes:

1. Reviewed /approved minutes of last meeting.
2. **Review of Summer Book Club Program**-The teachers rearranged their schedules to volunteer and be there for the students. There were many concepts that were discussed such as theme, mood, tone, point of view, and we did a character study and summarized each chapter at every session. There were about 25 people at each session. Some were the same and some were different. Winnie Hamilton stopped by to visit. Food was brought in and students voted for their favorite BBQ sauce. Overall, it was a success, and next year if we continue, Candy will need more help and funds. We will continue giving CDs of book to students.
3. **Summer Book Club Improvements for next year**-For next June, we need to stay on top of Westover to make sure they’re distributing books and summer work to their 5th graders. We need to find a system for making sure that all 6th and 7th graders get all reading and Math packets early and parents know exactly what needs to be done. It should have a due date. This could occur through parent meetings, email blasts, mailings and parent link where the summer reading, math and book club are announced. We need to make sure there are signs at the Government Center so people know where to go for the Book Club.
4. **More Opportunities for Reading in School**-Literacy periods are not to be used for SSR. They need to be used for kids to interact with advisor and other kids.
5. **Ferguson Library**-Ferguson came in last year to talk to kids. Highlighted 8 books and students asked questions. Kids still need library cards.
6. **Computer Literacy**-We are hoping for a new website and computer literacy for students, but we will have a smaller afterschool program because of funding.
7. **Members Stepping Down**-The following members’ terms are ending after October election: T. Therrien, A. Savage, M. Scott, R. Scamarone, L. Pomerance, M. Lappas. We need to encourage more of a diverse population to run for the Council. **Open House Night on October 9th** is when the applications will be handed out to run for the Council. Let’s try to encourage many people to run, and hopefully, we will acquire a more diverse group.
8. **“Lending Library” or “Cloonan Book Shelf”-**The challenge is how to get books to the kids. Possibilities included laying out books on the tables in the cafeteria during lunch. Another idea is having Student Council organize and roll the books around the school on display for anyone interested in picking up a book. Carts are a great way to roll them from location to location.
9. **Family Survey Results**-the results were extremely disappointing. Very few parents responded. 83/700 families took the time to fill out the survey. Council members were given copies to view. Going forward, Open House Night is a time when parents can learn to voice their opinions via the survey. Very important to fill out these surveys so the school can improve. At STEM and Spanish Parent Meetings, parents need to know the importance of filling out the forms. The way the survey is worded is not optimal for everyone especially non-English speakers.
10. **Next meeting Tues., Oct. 14, 6-8 pm!**

Action Steps:

* All Council Members will review the survey and be ready to discuss.

Next Meeting:

* Review Survey
* Revisit Mission Statement
* Results of Election-Teachers and Parent Vacancies. Was a more diverse population elected?
* *Lending Library* or *Cloonan Book Shelf-*What are the logistics?
* Communication to Parents

See agenda for next meeting below.

**CMS SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL Agenda**

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

NEW BUSINESS:

• 2013-14 Survey Results

• Revisit Mission Statement

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• Communication to Parents