

PAC meeting minutes for Feb. 19 meeting

Meeting start time: 4:30

Attendees: Allan Olson, Ashley Woods, Tasha LaRose, Edmund Williams, Ruth LaRose, Stacie Lyon, Samara Lohnes, Denise Phillippe (CIS) Wendy Brunelle (FCL), Deb Brodeur – Food Service Director

Celebration of parents on all leadership teams: Ashley Woods – District, Stacie Lyon – Middle School, Samara Lohnes – Elementary School.

We had an extra agenda item that Ashley wanted to cover so we invited Deb Brodeur to join us. We had a discussion on how we can improve upon the “Bring the loved ones to breakfast” day. It was suggested that we break up into grade levels to eat because it is just too congested and the line is way too long. Another idea was to make a two day event. It was also brought up that some of the kids really didn’t know what was going on with all the people there, especially kindergarteners so it was suggested that a few days before this event and the MCA breakfast that it be discussed with all kids what is going to happen and what the event is all about. Still some concern about the kids that don’t have an adult with them. It was commented that it was nice that a lot of teachers and paras as well as Denise sitting with kids that didn’t have an adult with them. Deb had talked about having separate tables for kids to sit that don’t have an adult so they didn’t have to search for a place to sit. Parents didn’t like the idea as it would exclude them even more. Another concern was that it wasn’t advertised well enough. Middle school parents weren’t notified by mail. Deb will take all these suggestions and try to improve for next year.

Denise shared the attendance stats for both schools and discussed with the parents as to what date we should put on our next attendance letters that will be going out at conferences. A parent suggested to use the end of February as the end date for the letters. Denise also shared the strategies for the Continuous Needs Assessment and the progress that has been made. I let parents know that there would be a parent forum both days of conferences to go over the climate survey results with parents. We also talked about attendance incentives for parents as well as the students. A parent brought up that her daughter had perfect attendance but she had to go to an appt. and had to take her out of school and wondered how it is fair to penalize her for an appt. that she had. Parents also wanted to know what the cut off time was for being counted absent for half a day and what time they would be counted officially late. Those times for the elementary are 8:15-9:00 is considered tardy and 9-12 is considered absent. Middle school is after 8:37 is considered tardy.

Next meeting date is set for March 19th.