

Minutes for Community Council Meeting for Arcadia Elementary
October 9, 2008

In attendance: Leslee Petrick, Liz Carol, Terri Roylance, Jill Loertscher, Krystal Plott, Nicole Wilson, Shanae Jackson.

***Reviewed calendar** item see agenda for dates:
Suggestion made to Red Ribbon week; Thursday low scale costume or something else so as not to distract from school class work. Jill Loertscher will talk to Anissa Wall PTA board member.

***Gold Medal Mile:** Rachel Baker was unable to come. Jill advised council of plans. Arcadia will be working on the platinum level. This program is 90 miles of PE time which includes walking a mile a week. The teacher wellness will also have a program called WEE. It encourages Water, Eating vegetables, and Eating more Fruits. We will have an assembly on October 15th to kick off the program. Each class that walks the most miles gets a Golden Sneaker and a \$10.00 certificate for PE equipment. Liz Carol will get Jill Loertscher a copy of a flyer she got at a class about how to stimulate students by pressing or messaging parts of their body. Each class will be encouraged to incorporate 5 minutes of exercise in the morning and 5 minutes in the afternoon in their classroom. The Gold Medal Mile volunteers will be providing ideas each month for teachers to use in class. The afternoon 5 minutes energizer will incorporate repeating math facts such as multiplication while they stretch in their desks and exercise in a small area. They hope by doing this the students will be invigorated and perform better on tests and retain important math facts.

We also need to include **each month a section on HEALTH** at Arcadia for our Community Council items.

*** Walk to School day** was a big success. 17 dozen bagels were served, with apples, and a drink. Many parents came that morning with their children. The mayor Russ Wall, city councilman Lynn Hardy, and Taylorsville policemen were there too. We had about 10 volunteers help that morning.

***Book Fair** in November was approved by the PTA to raise funds for the library. The book fair in March will be buy one get one free. The book fair company will be providing a video on the many jobs/careers that are involved in making a book. The librarian will receive a DVD titled Your Imagination to the Shelf.

***QTSA money and Trust Land money** will be given to aides in the morning and afternoon 1st grade. It will also be used for substitutes for Literacy training for the teachers.

* Tests to be used to determine SSAP will be Diebels and YPP. Acuity test scores will not be used this year in math until the new Holton-Mifflin program is incorporated fully into the classrooms and test questions. The first year a new math program is introduced it is hard to get accurate measurements.

* QTSA money for 2008-2009 is \$20,650.74

* Trust Land money for 2008-2009 is \$ 35,480.21

* Terri Royslance and Leslee Petrick will meet with Karen Sterling about Arcadia's test scores from last year. Not all the data is coming up on the website. They will be meeting with her ASAP to also determine wording for new SSAP plan.

***SSAP plan for 2008-2009**

Review previous year's data and description. The following are changes to the existing plan.

SCHOOL GENERATED DATA

- School notes will be sent home every short day to communicate and education parents
- The PTA will be hosting a Get Your Game on Night in February. This program will focus on families exercising together. It will fulfill a requirement for Gold Medal Mile as well.
- Laura Gryzmkowski will not be working with the faculty this year for professional learning. This was one time training.

COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

- 2 paraeducators will be working with students with disabilities.
- Our theme this year will be respect and tolerance of minorities and differences. The PTA is providing translation of their monthly newsletter in Spanish to 60 families at Arcadia. They are in the process trying to get 3 more Spanish translators for Community Council items, the Thursday note, and any correspondence going home to families.
- 6th grade students will be exposed to French and Spanish languages in class.
- At Risk students;
 - Land Trust Money will be used to sustain and strengthen these identified students by using aids and substitutes for teacher training.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

- Each week students are chosen to have lunch by grade level with the principal. Those in attendance are eligible to go based on behavior. The principal goes to Arby's on Tuesdays with these students. The firemen are also invited to come.
- (add) The principal will be having assemblies for academic honor roll and attendance. She will also be providing behavior Party with fun things like BINGO parties during the year.

***FOCUS AREA Literacy**

- next year a new program will be introduce call Open Court for Literacy

***FOCUS AREA Numeracy**

- change wording from ALL students to; Increase the percentages of students who perform at their grade level.

Next month Community Council will be using their **Digital Recorder** at all meetings. Jill Loertscher will remind principal to bring in to the monthly meeting. The instruction on how to up load the recording on our website were included.

Next Meeting November 13, 2008 12:00-1:00 pm