

Thanks to Bill Buhler and others who have been on SCC for the previous year.

Welcome from to all by Bill Buhler

Approval of Minutes from May 2017 was moved seconded and passed.

Membership:

Neighborhood – Anthony Moncur

C&A – Kristie Christensen

ELP – Heather Reynolds: nominated seconded and approved

PTA – Ashlee Moncur

Parent representative at large – Jill Drown

Principal – Marian Broadhead

School Faculty & Staff- Joseph R. Nielsen,

Beth Hartung-Soria: nominated seconded and approved

There was a question about whether Jean Eastham wanted to continue as a Member & Representative of SCC. Marian will contact her and invite her to continue if she wishes to.

Chair-person for SCC Anthony Moncur – nominated, seconded and approved.

We voted that our meeting schedule would remain as the first Monday (or Tuesday in the event of a Monday closure) at 5:30

Marian reviewed the methods and threshold for decision making by the faculty. She then reviewed the District and School policies and procedures for overseeing internet usage by students & filtering of web sites. She also reviewed the District policy on Religion in the Classroom. She asked Beth to relate how she explores diversity and cultural traditions in her class, and talked about other teacher's classroom curricula. Lastly Marian discussed the process we use to allow students to opt out of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C&A – The District head of the C&A Program has retired. The information from the District is that they will not have a District head, but that each

Principal in schools with C&A programs will co-ordinate the program within the Schools and with other schools in the District. This has caused some concern among parents that the C&A program may not continue to receive District support. Marian expressed the opinion that the Program needs to clarify its goals, and how it can be supported by families and parents throughout the District. Marian suggested that Kristie and Ashlee, as parents in the C&A program co-ordinate a meeting of parents to help them understand the benefits of the program.

ELP – Heather: ELP has not yet had a full Steering Committee Meeting so there is nothing to report. Our new Neighborhood/C&A ELP teacher is Camille Gallagher, who has taught here before.

Neighborhood – Anthony: The neighborhood parents were impressed by the amount of traffic enforcement during the first week of school. We have two experienced crossing guards at 7<sup>th</sup> East, and one at 6<sup>th</sup> East on 17<sup>th</sup> South. We don't know if there is a crossing guard at 9<sup>th</sup> East & 17<sup>th</sup> South. The police now have a camera that can be placed at will to take pictures of traffic problems. We recommend 6<sup>th</sup> East and Milton Avenue as places where the camera would be most effective. Are there recommendations of any other places to have them place it? There are still issues of speeding on 17<sup>th</sup> South, people parking and block the view of crosswalks and double parking in front of the school. Kristie is trying to get Hawthorne included the Paint the Pavement program.

PTA – Jill: The next meeting is Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>. The Hawk Walk will be Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. The walking path will be the perimeter of the school property – each lap around will get a mark/stamp. 5 laps will be needed for getting dinner. There is concern about conflicting with fundraising efforts for hurricane relief – though we expect people will want to support their local school, funds may be tighter than usual.

Hawthorne Staff – Beth: Faculty will host the Halloween Parade at 9:00 am on Halloween. Classrooms can schedule their parties at their convenience. The faculty is working to implement a new math curriculum. This new curricula uses new terminology and accelerates/changes the order in which the concepts are taught. The whole process has been a little difficult on teachers. If parents want to know how to help students in math they should ask the student's teacher.

The question has been asked whether the two ELP first grade classes will continue to require two classes in each grade as they move advance through each grade. The answer is “Maybe. We just don’t know yet.”

Kristie was concerned that there were aerial fireworks being lit off on the school grounds during the summer, and wanted the District to be aware of it. She wondered if the District would post signs that fireworks were prohibited on District/School property.

Kristie - The issue of increased presence of panhandlers and of drug users/dealers moving into the neighborhood was brought up. The concern was brought up that students might come in contact with discarded/dropped drugs and drug paraphernalia. It was asked if the School could help to instruct students and make them aware of what to do if they see anything of this nature on the playground or going to and from school. Marian will contact the District Nurse – Stacey Mclean- about whether we could consider having Naloxone at the school. Marian will also talk to principals of other schools in the area and District to see what their experience with this issue has been.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made seconded and passed.

The next scheduled SCC meeting will be Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 5:30pm. In the Hawthorne School library.