

Minutes

September 20, 2011

Principal/Parent Advisory meeting took place on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, @ 6:30-7:15pm. The following persons were in attendance:

1. Dr. Nina Gregory King, Principal
2. Bernadette Bishop
3. William Mc Gray
4. Jennifer Perry

Four additional members were invited but, did not attend. They will be contacted regarding future participation and/or interest.

The meeting opened @ 6:30pm and the committee discussed and adopted the following goals for their participation in Principal/Parent Advisory Board:

At this time will continue school's mission statement: ***Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize, our Children!*** (new mission statement can be adopted at later date).

Goal 1: *To provide input and feedback to our community and the Board of Education regarding school-wide issues at Woodgate Elementary School.*

Mr. Wilson shares, the Principal/Parent Advisory is interested in collecting signatures from parents with specific concerns to present to Board members, the first being, updated Playground equipment.

Goal 2: *To work and partner collaboratively with Woodgate PTO.*

Identified two issue or concerns of parents or community members:

Objective 1: *Getting parents to be involved in school.*

1. Suggestions for Improvement in this area are:
2. Utilizing student council members for parent contact to upcoming events.
3. Universal email for WG parents and community leaders

A universal email system has been set up, with all WG parents (giving permission) to contact, using this format.

4. Student incentives for parent participation
 - a. Dress down day
 - b. Homework pass

We have seen an increase in parent participation at board meetings, with the largest attendance at 14. Principal Parent Advisory group will use flyers and phone tree (student council support) to invite parents to next board meeting in January (11), with student incentives a and b shown above.

Objective 2: *Attending future School Board meetings*. Question asked, Does the Elementary SD 159 School Board and Superintendent have their finger on the pulse of community needs? Do they value the educational process?*

Future Workshops:

Parent Engagement, active parenting

Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS), What is it? And, how does it work?

Committee members shared the following comments:

They do believe teachers at Woodgate are committed to our kids.

Standards are consistently raised each year; end goal-a more rigorous curriculum

Happy with meeting AYP at 85% and understand that the 2011-2012 goal is 92.5%.

Follow-up for Objective 1:

- a. The Build a Book Reading event is September 29, and this is a pre-paid event. Therefore, the phone tree will not be used for parent contact.
- b. Parent phone tree will be used for upcoming PTO meeting on Thursday, October 6; this activity will be arranged with student council, PTO and Principal/Parent Advisory (PPA). Tentative date to activate is-Monday, October 3.

It is reported that PTO meetings are better attended by parents this year.

- c. Parent phone tree will be used for upcoming Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, October 12, @ CPMS. Brief committee meeting will be scheduled (TBD) to determine procedure for parent contact.

The principal will make the community aware of the Woodgate Principal Parent Advisory (PPA) objectives and goals by:

1. Placing informational items on the website
2. Putting on the outdoor signage
3. Announcing PPA members at next board meeting and
4. Keeping parents abreast of PPA activities

All 4 items have been included in getting information out to the parents of WG School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Minutes

December 20, 2011

Principal/Parent Advisory meeting took place on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, @ 6:30-7:35pm. in the LRC. The following persons were in attendance:

1. Dr. Nina Gregory King, Principal
2. Bernadette Bishop
3. William Mc Gray
4. Shawn Wilson (PTO President)

Please review minutes from September 20, 2011, I have updated information (shown above in red).

Mr. Wilson attended the last board meeting on Monday, December 12; he shared that the school lunch program would increase in 2012. Dr. King verified that the Board has approved a .07 cent increase beginning January 9, 2012. Mr. Wilson asked about the Nutrition Program that he knew other districts had applied to

where 100% of the breakfast/lunch program was funded (not sure by whom), Principal King is looking into and will report back to the committee at our next meeting.

Concerns were raised about Pre-K students and the need for an early morning snack due to children reporting; they are hungry. We will speak to teachers, and if there is a need, purchase breakfast bars and other non-perishable items for morning am snack.

A workshop has been scheduled for January 28, on Saturday, from 10-12:00pm. on "Parent Engagement". Donuts and coffee/tea will be provided. We will survey parents to see, if babysitting services will help in parental attendance. Flyers and purpose of workshop will go home on January 13, Friday in students Friday folders. We will present to the committee for approval, a power point via email, and prior to the workshop on the 28th.

Things to DO:

We will place on outside sign:

1. Next Board meeting and location, time
2. Parent Engagement Workshop on January 28

Principal/Parent Advisory would also like to hold a workshop in February, suggested title, **Attitude about Learning**. Also share, helpful tools to prepare for **ISAT test March 6-16**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Note: Something to think about (from committee members present), how do we encourage our young black men to buy-in to; "education is cool?"

Suggestions: Mentoring, workshops, college tours, cultural events that target black youth