

Canon-McMillan School District Parent Council

Meeting Minutes ~ September 24, 2010

The first meeting of the 2010/2011 Parent Council was called to order at 9:31am on Friday, 09/24/10 at Borland Manor Elementary School by Jan Lawrence – Parent Council President. There were 44 people in attendance.

Ms. Kazos welcomed everyone to Borland Manor Elementary School and introduced the six 4th grade student greeters. Events at Borland Manor are: Open House and New life skills/autistic support classroom. Ms. Kazos welcomed the new and returning teachers. The Borland Manor students will continue to participate in the Step Into Reading program. She was pleased with the Summer reading assignment sheets that the children completed. Progress reports go home next week.

Mrs. Unitas highlighted the events at Wylandville. She congratulated Mrs. Lani (former Wylandville Principal), faculty and staff for being named a Blue Ribbon School under the category of High Performance. There will be a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November. Events at Wylandville are: Open House, Book Fair, Progress Reports, Step Into Reading, Fall Carnival, the addition of a third 2nd grade classroom. Also two 4th graders from last year won a Bus Safety poster contest.

Jan Lawrence (Parent Council President) introduced herself and welcomed Amy Smith (Vice President) and Maureen Corwin (Secretary). All the parents in attendance introduced themselves. Jan Lawrence reviewed the contents of the orange Parent Council Folders (Responsibilities/Calendar of Meetings, Fundraising Guidelines, Hosting Guidelines, Parent Council Directory and Blue Sheet for Questions)

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the May 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed by Karen Fowler and seconded by Vicki Whited.

Reports – Dr. Helen McCracken (Superintendent) –

- Mr. Daniels is absent, his mother-in-law passed away.
- Special thanks to the current and past officers of Parent Council.
- The chimney at Cecil Elementary was struck by lightning on Wednesday, 9/22. School was not in session for ½ day on Thursday and the entire day on Friday 9/24. The building should be ready and safe by Monday. If not the plan is to educate at Cecil Intermediate.
- Canon Mac is the only district in Washington County to have two (Wylandville and First Street) Blue Ribbon schools. This is GREAT!

Mr. Joe Zupancic (School Board Member) – On October 24th the Washington County Commissioners are holding a Blue Ribbon recognition program for Wylandville. Only 300 schools nationwide have achieved this honor.

Mrs. Grace Lani (Director of Curriculum) - Blue Ribbon school, Wylandville School, partnered with the parents and faculty in supporting the best education for the children. The award belongs to the community due to the partnering.

School Reports

Mrs. Michelle Tomicek (South Central) –

- 470 students at South Central
- PTA held a tailgate at 5:30 prior to the Canon McMillan football game.
- The theme, Whale Done, will be carried over from last year.
- Literacy is important. It is important to read to your children. Mrs. Tomicek spoke about promoting reading.

Mr. Tom Theodore (Hills-Hendersonville and Muse) –

- Promoting the theme, Unstoppable Me

Mr. Greg Taranto (Canon-McMillan Middle School) –

- Great start to the school year with great teachers
- Open House was successful
- CM Fit Day was held on 9/23 at the Stadium
- The Band program was selected to play at the PMEA event in Harrisburg

Mr. Hall (Canon-McMillan High School) –

- The High School made AYP last year. The Benchmark testing in Reading and Math will be starting.
- ACT and SAT Comparison feedback testing was given. Fifty students took advantage of the testing.
- Progress reports will be distributed
- Spirit Week, Homecoming and the Hall of Fame induction will be held
- Children younger than High School are not allowed to be unsupervised at the High School football games.
- The boys and girls soccer teams are doing well
- The 2nd Assistant Principal position is being posted
- The Homecoming Court is picked by student ballot

Mr. Mark Abbondanza (North Strabane Intermediate School) –

- Kicked off the magazine fundraiser
- The 6th grade students are taking ownership of the Yearbook through Exploratory

Mr. Robert Kleinhans (First Street and Cecil Elementary) –

- At First Street – They held an Open House with a Chinese Auction
- At Cecil Elementary – The Open House will need to be re-scheduled due to the lightening strike

Old Business –

1. Question: Regarding the May 21st minutes stating there will be an Architect meeting. Answer from Mr. Zupanic : Will be meeting with the Architects
2. Question (Comment): Parent is very impressed with all the teachers at the Middle School

Jan Lawrence opened the floor to anyone who wants to share PTA news. PTA President from South Central shared information.

New Business –

- There is a Parent Council link on the Canon-McMillan website
- Mandy Hulse, Borland Manor PFO President, shared information on Parent Express email service
- The Angel Food program flyer was made available

Blue Sheet Questions- None

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 10:51am by Amy Smith and seconded by Colleen Tatano.

The next general meeting will tentatively be held on October 15th at Cecil Elementary.

Minutes submitted by:

Maureen A. Corwin