

Date: Jan. 16, 2013

Present:

Katie McDivitt, Ingrid DeMoor, An Chen, Don Geddis, Leslie Huie, Betsy Miller, Colleen Golden, Kristi Shreve, Jamie Adams, Roger Avedon, Anu Hoey, Angie Padian, Valerie, Leung

Motion 1: Approval of Dec. minutes. Unanimous by voice vote.

Roger: **topic is lunch and nutrition/diet at West**

What is the role of school?

Betsy: parents responsible for educating children, they speak about healthy snacks in K and 1.

Colleen: The teachers do talk about it. The kids are able to get a snack whenever they need to depending on the classroom.

Kristi: Kids bringing in more water bottles than ever before, some teachers have snacks in classroom in case kids get hungry

Betsy: We used to have specific snack time before K got more rigorous ... should we institute that again?

Jamie: There has been some talk about extending the lunchtime by 5 minutes but the entire district has to agree.

Betsy: 5 minutes of quiet dining for K-2 (12:10-12:15) so kids eat. She has noticed they actually do eat during this time.

Leslie: Her son says that if they talk during quiet dining, the kids have to go on the stage on steps. Some kids are intimidated and don't enjoy lunch because of it.

Jamie: Doesn't happen that much but does occasionally.

Why don't kids eat? Mostly because they are talking to friends.

An: 26% of 400 responses from hot lunch survey. 67% do not get hot lunch everyday. 78% parents said taste is most important as well as nutrition.

Other options: Kids Chow- \$4.50 or so + \$0.75 for sides- choose beforehand and comes packaged with name of each child- Kristi Shreve can get info on this vendor.

Katie: Could 5th graders research and present on nutrition and diet? E.g. what is a carbohydrate?

Angie: Pam Muser does something for red ribbon week about fat in certain foods. Everyone does their own thing regarding nutrition in the classroom but no formal initiative other than red ribbon week.

Kristi: 3rd grade does presentation on germs and presents to lower grades- maybe do something like that with sugar, fat, etc...

Roger: topic is boy's bathroom in 1st grade wing

Roger: Boy's bathroom in 1st grade wing is closed for the rest of the year- need to tell families through a blast email coming from Jamie- many do not know this. Some of the younger kids are intimidated by older children in the bathrooms. One possible solution: Change girl's bathroom to boys in that wing? Roger thinks girls may be less intimidated with older girls.

Roger: Rest of year site council meetings:

Feb. meeting- Future of education with technology-Margi Power

Ingrid will produce a one-sheet document about questions we might want to address.

April meeting- GATE and Mary Allen Benninger

March 27 meeting: Safety and security? Katie will create one-sheet document to ask questions about the topic, Jamie will also discuss with police and also get some input from them.

May 15 meeting: Review of Data we have available to discuss the Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Adjourned at 4:20pm