

Navy PTO General Meeting

2/9/12 7:00 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Stacie Cage
Jennifer Condro
Sarah Fisken
Kris Rogers
Mary Tchiprout

Board Members Absent:

Wendy Chung

There were 5 parents who signed in as attendees.

Jennifer Condro thanked the volunteers who coordinated the blood drive and skate night. She said that the blood drive was very successful and that it will continue next year. The blood drive is done in remembrance of a Navy teacher who passed away.

Most after school activities have already started. Chess club is still in need of a parent volunteer for Thursdays.

The spelling bee pretest is complete. The next round of the spelling bee will take place on 2/21/12 at 9:00. Children participating will spell words orally.

Jennifer Condro also said that there will be PTO Board openings for next year. Stacie Cage and Mary Tchiprout have each served 2 years in their positions and will need to step down based on the bylaws.

Copies of the budget were available at the meeting. Jennifer Condro encouraged parents and Board members to review a copy of the budget and forward any questions to Wendy Chung.

The principal, Mr. Coch also made several announcements. He reported that the vice-principal, Ms. Cofer will be out on short-term disability for an extended period of time. Mr. Granieri has been helping with administrative duties and a temporary vice-principal will be assigned soon. Mr. Coch also said that there will be several teachers taking maternity leave in the next several months. He has arranged long-term substitute teachers for those classrooms.

Mr. Coch also reported that SOL testing dates have been posted on the Navy website. He stated that the 5th grade writing SOL will soon be done on a computer. He is exploring the possibility of teaching typing at Navy to help students with that skill.

Navy has begun an After School Intervention club. This is to provide extra instruction and enrichment for children who are below grade level for achievement. Mr. Coch is currently coordinating a second kiss & ride pick up time for those students.

Mr. Coch also announced that kindergarten enrollment letters will be sent out in May so that the school can begin to estimate the number of kindergarten students for next year. He also stated that because this is his first year as a principal, evaluations will be sent to a randomly selected group of Navy parents. Mr. Coch said that the revised school improvement plan will be posted online by the end of February.

Mr. Coch said that the SCA will be selling lollipops at school and the proceeds will be donated to Smile Train.

School offices will be closed during spring break.

Dana Wozny, carnival committee chair gave an update regarding plans for the spring carnival. She reported that volunteers would be requested soon and that there has been good progress made planning the event.

Hong Wang reported that there was significant interest in having an after school foreign language program. She said that Spanish was the most preferred language and the program will include culture, food, and dance. The program will begin on 2/28/12 and last for 10 weeks. Enrollment will begin soon and can accommodate as many as 15 students.

Sarah Fisker reported that the original works art fundraiser has begun. Students are creating a drawing in art class and parents will have the opportunity to purchase the art on a variety of items. The ordering will take place in late March and items will be available in April. Most of the proceeds will be given to the art department.

A parent inquired about a new parent welcome volunteer to help new families learn more about Navy. It was decided that this volunteer position would be added in the fall of 2012.

Upcoming events that were announced are:

2/27/12 Dining for Navy at the Silver Diner in Fair Lakes from 5:00-8:00.

3/7/12 Parent education night at 7:30. A nutritionist will speak about healthy breakfast food.

3/8/12 Barnes & Noble bookfair. A portion of the sales total from the store will be given to the PTO.