

Jacobs School Council
Minutes 1/13/2009

Preparer: Elaine Menice

Members present: Donna Tobin, Gregory Whelan, Cindy Whelan, Lisa Canavan
Bill Tramontana, Kerrie Ryan

Members not present: Debbie McCarthy

Meeting began @ 7:30 PM

- approval of minutes from 12/9/2008 meeting.

AGENDA:

- **New member(s)?** : Two names were presented. Members will contact and see if interested.
(update 1/14/2009) David Dunn has expressed interest in serving on the council.)
- **School Lunch Program- parent payments, survey:**
Confusing payment system for kids? What can we do?
 - right now some parents are not paying and unfortunately many of these parents/families are not eligible for free or reduced lunch, they are charged for lunches and after so many charges students can no longer charge lunch
 - too many lunches are being charged
 - new rule that if more than 3 lunches are not paid for, the student goes to office to call parent to bring lunch or money
 - Suggestions was made that slips be given to students as reminders that are paying ahead
- **DCAP program:**
Currently we are undergoing a Coordinated Curriculum Review/program review by the DESE (formerly the DOE)
This process will look at our current policies and procedures, interview teachers, parents, and administrators
School Council Reviewed DCAP draft, no changes or questions presented
- **Parent Forums:**
How do we promote awareness of Parent Forums and increase attendance?
Website may be created by Parent Forum Group
- **Volunteers/PTO/Attendance at events, meetings, etc.:**
How do we increase attendance/invite more members?
Food? Family activities? How to reach out? Discussion of a Volunteer coordinator.
Discussion of connecting with Chris Haraden at the Hull Times. Kerrie Ryan will be contact person. CH wants to be updated with weekly blue notes via email.
LC expressed concern with her experience writing a column in the Hull Times that it was a lot of work to get a response from staff, might be better to have a rotating system in place with teachers/grade levels
Deadline is Tuesdays at 4 pm.

We need to get information out to acknowledge all the hard work that is going on at our school!!

- **FY10 Budget:**

We need more parents to become actively involved. It looks DIRE!

Why? Our school building was not put into the debt exclusion model, local aid cuts, etc. We need to advocate for our schools.

School Council will continue to discuss budget issues and put on agenda for those who might attend meetings.

“Budget A” which has been discussed at town wide meetings and is posted on website is available for review.

Everything is still open to cuts at this point

Discussion of fees for busses, athletics, etc, amount raised not enough to come close to cost.

Is this enough?

We will continue to educate children.

Important dates upcoming:

Selectmen’s meeting Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 am. HHS Exhibition room.

Joint School Council Meeting on January 26th at 4pm in HHS Exhibition room

Parent conferences in February.

Meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.

*Joint Meeting re-scheduled for Jan. 26th @ 4:00, Exhibition Room, Hull High School

Next School Council Meeting: **Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 6:30 pm
(Next meeting minutes preparer: Bill Tramontana)