

Beaumont Home and School Association Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2010
Large Group Room

Board Members:

Present: Pam Albertson, Tamra Adams, Michelle Parisi, Marie-Pierre Crowe, Chris Stamatas and Karen Mullin

Others Present:

Dr. Demming

See sign-in sheet

Pam Albertson called the meeting to order at 9:20a.m.

Michelle Parisi motioned to approve the minutes from October 20, 2010 meeting. Tamra Adams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Dr. Demming gave a PowerPoint presentation on the “Elementary School Literacy Program”.

The slides were as follows:

Current reading series is Houghton Mifflin. District decided to use Literacy by Design (LBD) for grades 1-4 for next school year. Kindergarten will continue with Houghton Mifflin. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is actually the parent company for LBD.) Spelling will also be LBD.

Benchmark Testing – given across district to grades 1-4 at least 3-4 times a year. Done to see progress students are making in reading. Given at ‘grade’ level – each grade, same test. Kindergarten screening is mid-year and end of year assessment.

Testing includes: 1st grade - DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills), letter naming fluency, phoneme segmentation, nonsense word fluency, oral reading fluency
2nd grade – oral fluency, MAZE for comprehension
3rd grade – oral reading fluency and 4Sight for comprehension
4th grade – same as 3rd

New Vocabulary Program – in pilot phase
WOW – word of the week

Writing Initiative – in pilot phase
Promoted by District Writing Committee; basis of work from the national Core Standards.

Literacy Stations – typically within language arts block.

Individual Classroom Projects and Literacy Activities – some examples are Poetry Program, Literacy Bags, Writers' Workshop, writing and reading curriculum connections, classroom read-alouds, technical program and Bookflix, Odyssey Pilot, education on line project.

Toni McDonald stated that the Inter-School Council meets tonight, so nothing to report.

Sherri Gartner discussed ARCH (Area Residents Caring and Helping). A Pennsylvania Youth Survey is given to grades 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Upcoming meeting will discuss the results of last year's survey and speaker Jim Campain will discuss the role of "Parents as a Protective Factor" for teens and adolescents. The results of the 2009 survey will also be posted on website. ARCH also offers free webinars to TE parents on such topics as internet safety and technology, and bullying and harassment. Sherri distributed a flyer detailing upcoming webinars.

Michelle Parisi gave an update from the last School Board Meeting. About 5 students and 6 teachers from Beaumont were recognized for their outstanding participation at the Beaumont Fun Run. The board voted to not go ahead with the EIT referendum this year.

Marie-Pierre Crowe gave the Treasurer's report. Karen Mullin motioned to approve \$25 payment to the strings teacher. Michelle Parisi seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Kerry Martin discussed the current food drive. Goal is to exceed 3,200 cans which is the number collected last year. Discussed extending the date and sending a note home in backpacks to help increase donations.

Book Fair and Parent Social numbers are not finalized yet.

Winterfest is scheduled for Tuesday November 30th. The event will be geared toward kids, no adult shopping this year.

Bear Gear closes Friday.

Pam Albertson raffled off prizes to those in attendance. Kristen Baker won the Cap Rack. Toni McDonald won the bread dipping set. Aimee DelCellio won the measuring cups.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Karen Mullin