

Parent Advisory Meeting
Thursday, March 04, 2010
7:00 – 7:45 pm



Objectives

- ✓ Increase communication between school and home
- ✓ Increase community awareness of what is happening at WIS/ROCS
- ✓ Listen to input from parents/community

I. Present – Connie Mellott, Diane Wise, Felisha Wingfield, Chad Johnson, Doug Barry

II. Agenda Items

- a. Update on early out/professional development
 - i. Math & Reading SMART Goals – *Shared an example of a 5th grade SMART goal with the parents present. The teacher teams set these goals at the beginning of the year using data from the previous year. The reading and math SMART goals will be posted on our website yet this spring.*
 - ii. Math Intervention & Acceleration – *Each grade level is using the intervention time (2:30-3:00 pm) as for what they (and the data) determine is the need. Sometimes students stay with their own teacher to review previous assessments and skills. Other times, students move to different teachers in different groups. We do have 10 students who were accelerated during math as they are working out of the book one grade level above them. This has been a mixed independent study with volunteer and classroom teacher support.*
 - iii. Curriculum update – Iowa Core Curriculum – *Informed parents that the state of Iowa is mandating the school district adopt a statewide curriculum (literacy, math, science, social studies and 21st Century Skills). This can be found online at: <http://www.corecurriculum.iowa.gov>*
- b. Saxon Math & Science-Literacy – *Discussion of parents' thoughts and perceptions on the newly adopted Saxon math series. Parents agreed it was more difficult but did share many positives they have noted too.*
- c. Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (April 5-8) – *Shared the date and reminded parents to help kids get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast each day that week. We will set individual and school goals the week prior to testing week.*
- d. Transition Day (May 20) – *This is on the calendar! The 3rd grade students come to WIS for the afternoon, 5th grade students go to the middle school and 8th grade students head to the HS.*
- e. Student Advisory update – *Mr. Barry meets with one student from each classroom each month to discuss how we can improve WIS, brainstorm community service project ideas and just share. Below are a couple recent projects that can be found in the hallways of WIS:*
 - i. MLK Jr. Community Service Project
 - ii. March – Random Acts of Kindness Month
- f. Technology update – *New student management system – A new system will be adopted this summer and in place next fall. This will allow at least MS & HS parents the access to check grades/attendance. It will also improve/speed up communication as the system will allow phone numbers/cell phones/emails to be input into the database for quick response when news, weather concerns or other information needs to be shared.*

III. Parent Input

- a. The parents felt making up a school day on Good Friday would be a better alternative to having a school day on the Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend (June 1). They think there would be better attendance on Good Friday.
- b. Concern we are not addressing student technology needs as much as we should be and wanting this to start at an earlier age.