

J.C. Solmonese Site Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2013

Location: J.C. Solmonese School, Room 165

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees:

<i>Staff</i>	Parents
Riitta, Bolton, School Principal, Chairperson	Matthew Jacques
Kathy Almeida, Grade 2	Mark Powers
Christen Hutchinson	Mary Murray
	Amy Darling

Meeting called to order 6:30PM

Documents Distributed by Mrs. Bolton:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of February 6, 2013

Items Discussed

1. Acceptance of Minutes of February 6, 2013 - approved unanimously
2. SIP
 - a. Looked at technology piece of Improvement Plan
 - b. Most classrooms have Epson/Smartboard technology now; Mrs. Bolton would like one in each classroom
 - c. May be some "points" available for purchase of these items
 - d. Internet is faster now due to updated wiring
 - e. Long-range technology goals for system discussed, may be revised
 - f. Reading Dept. has been using technology to post various sites for parents
3. NAEYC
 - a. Accreditation process is done
 - b. Requires paperwork each year; review cycle is every five years
4. Blue Ribbon
 - a. Some work has been done
 - b. Mrs. Bolton would like to see committee begin working again
5. School Culture
 - a. Student Council comprised of third grade students is in place; make morning announcements
 - b. Dragon Theme Reading Incentive Kick-off was held to help motivate students to read 2013 books so that the dragon will "come back." Mrs. Bolton read a book to the student body
 - c. Lunch and recess will be looked at for next year to see which schedule is more beneficial

- d. Curriculum Night was held for each grade level; well received
 - e. Enrichment program was successful
 - f. Unit Leaders are in place
 - g. Reaching out to seniors through "Have a Heart Club"
 - h. Discussed having more contact with Wheaton College
 - i. Late start time will be revisited
 - j. Possible Kindergarten Open House in March so parents can make early decisions about their child
 - k. Responsive Classroom study group being held; being used in most classrooms
 - l. Expectations posted around building
 - m. Second Step and FACE IT are both being used in many classrooms
 - n. Discussed eliminating Perfect Attendance
 - o. Discussed recognizing individual students for positive things
 - p. Gia Sunderland wrote a Grant for parents
6. Safety
- a. Staff member opens doors in the morning
 - b. Parents drop items for classrooms at the office; fewer people walking around building
 - c. Secretaries questioning if they don't recognize someone
 - d. Walkie-Talkies are coming
 - e. Crisis Plan is being revisited
 - f. Officer Franco met with staff to discuss Lock Down vs. ALICE
 - g. Cell phones can be programmed with local 911
7. J.C.S. Pledge
- a. Staff and students give a choice of three pledges to review
 - b. Student Council will visit each classroom to take a vote for a school pledge
8. Science Fair
- a. Held in March
 - b. Format changed a little from previous years; students given choice of topic from essential questions based on Common Core
9. Other
- a. Discussion about J.C.S. traditions; perhaps a list of things that students could "look forward to" while at Solmonese
 - b. Suggestion that email alerts might be helpful
 - c. Mrs. Bolton sends home a refrigerator calendar of events for parents

Meeting Ended 8:00

Next Meeting: April 3, 2013 (6:30 PM)

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Almeida, Recorder

Riitta Bolton, Chairperson