



District Mission: To prepare all students for life-long learning

District Vision: We will:

- Exhibit an unconditional commitment to students.
- Provide an environment that is respectful and nurturing.
- Provide a high quality and challenging education in which all children succeed.
- Foster individual and collaborative creativity.
- Foster interdependence among all individuals in our community.
- Create an atmosphere of continual improvement and reflection.

Title: Emotional Wellness Committee

Date: April 7, 2010

Location: Seminar B

Time: 4:00-5:10

I=Information A=Action D=Dialogue

Present: Rebecca Leafman, Joe Malin, Lynn Moore, Caroline Hermes, Cathy Tkachuk, Anne Whipple, Kathy Allen, Cindy Yi, Jennifer Daniels, Michael Freeman

Agenda Items

Person(s)

Code

Positive Words/Updates

ALL

I/D/A

Each guest shared a brief update about his/her experience with Spring Break and other celebrations.

Sheridan School mentor provided updates regarding assemblies and professional development. Rebecca Leafman shared an update for Everett and DPM, including some updates in regards to staff (professional development and activities) and students as well. Rebecca also shared a district-wide update in regards to Nate Ecklund's visits (his emphasis was on intersections and relationship building of staff), and the way that this has facilitated professional development. A parent member described some feedback related to Nate's community event. Lynn Moore (CEP Coach) shared that there will be an upcoming tri-district mentor meeting. Anne Whipple shared an upcoming presentation in regards to "Leadership in Difficult Times" that she feels will resonate with both school and business communities. This is a product of a new group that has formed, "40 Strong." A newsletter has been created. Please contact her if you would like an e-copy sent to you.

Bodacious Bus Families Initiative

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I/D/A

The Bodacious Bus Families Initiative is going very well thus far. The first step has been the collection of survey information, and survey analysis is in progress. The district director of transportation, the director of the bus company, plus a bus driver will be serving on this committee along with 1-2 parents, students, and staff. A parent representative shared that she reviewed research and found that the bus driver is key to creating and sustaining positive experiences on the bus; she also discussed certain other key points, including the importance of mutual respect, pros and cons of assigned seating, etc.

Possible meeting date: Wednesday, June 9 full day. More details to come!

Custom Cover Contest

RL

I/D/A

The custom cover contest will be open to 3rd-7th graders. Guidelines remain the same this year, and we look forward to reviewing excellent entries at the upcoming EWC-District Meeting. The committee members discussed the importance of encouraging bold colors for easy printing.

Book Study (Parts 3, 4-5)

ALL

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Committee members discussed important points of the book that they are reading, Positive Words, Powerful Results. This sparked a good deal of conversation around positive communication.

Reflection

RL/JM

I/D/A

A parent member described the importance of continuing to focus on how to bring this positive information to the community. From the parent perspective, the key point that parents consider is generally “what does this mean to my child?” Suggestions such as adding an EW Quick Tips corner to Friday Flyer e-mails might be helpful!

**Next Meeting Dates: Note extended time to accommodate Custom Cover Contest Judging and Year End Reflection
May 5, Seminar B, 4:00-5:30**