School Council Minutes

4-14-10

Attendees: Ms. Nesmith, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Raymore, Ms. Wells, Ms. Walden, Mr. Wallace, Ms. Carter, Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Teedrah(CJ Hicks Elementary)

1. Call to Order
2. Old Business
3. New Business
   - Budget Requests document-Ms. Nesmith discussed budget requests for next year including the costs and possible costs for each item. More items will be added before the end of the month.
   - CRCT Pep Rally-The rally will be 4/16/10 @ 2:45-3:30pm. Joseph Washington will be the motivational speaker and his message is “Breaking the Spirit of Average.”
   - Attendance-Homerooms who had perfect attendance for the previous month(s) will receive ice cream next Friday (4/23/10) @ 3:00 p.m. The three top homeroom teachers will receive coffee gift cards. At the end of the year, Ms. Jarvis will issue a survey to all the teachers to solicit feedback on the attendance policy to gather input on how things should be done differently, if anything needs to be added, etc. for next year.
4. 8th grade week
   - Letters were distributed 4/14/10 including the events of 8th grade week as well as costs, criteria and deadlines.
   - The cost for the week is $35.00 and the cost of the dance is $10.00. Costs includes all events and two t-shirts. Tickets will be sold from May 3-14.
   - The dates of each event are as follows:
     - May 24-Career Day from 1-4 pm (guest speakers will rotate from room to room)
     - May 25-Senior picnic/Yearbook signing from 11:30-1:30 pm
     - May 26-Field day from 11:30-3:30 pm (food, DJ, outdoor games)
     - May 27-8th grade ceremony w/luncheon starting @10 am
5. School evacuation
   - Conyers Middle school experience a bomb threat on Friday before Spring Break. The school had to evacuate and follow emergency procedures. The school was featured in the Rockdale Citizen in the Citizen Poll section for having a well behaved group of students. The school receive accolades for following proper procedures in a emergency situation while maintaining order.
6. NASA
   - On July 21, Conyers Middle school will have the opportunity to speak directly to an astronaut that is currently in outer space. The school will try to have satellite coverage for this event. Conyers was one of the six schools who received this honor. There will be a classroom of 20 students who will able to ask the astronaut questions. Since this is a world-wide event, CMS will present their budget requests to the businesses that will be present to try to get their assistance with these items. Possible campaign title, “The World is Coming to Conyers.”
   - PTA had concerns regarding letter. Some of the concerns included: wording of the letter, dress code(spaghetti straps, tuxedos), allowing other students from different Rockdale schools to attend, and limos. Mrs. Nesmith said that the spaghetti straps are fine as long as the students wear a shawl. Students still cannot ride in limos or wear tuxedos. There will be no students who do not attend Conyers Middle School allowed into the dance. Letter will be re-vamped to make wording more clear and will be sent home for parents to sign.
7. Suggestions for School year 2010-2011
• Create a massive parent email list to send information about upcoming events, academics, good news, sports, etc.
• Provide incentives(drawings to win prizes) for the parents to increase participation at Open House, 411 meetings, etc.
• Pass out note cards at Open House for parents to list any allergies students may have to antiseptics or any other item that is included in a first aid kit.

8. Adjournment

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