

## **Parent Advisory Committee Minutes November 7, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Laura Terlip.

PAC members in attendance: Laura Terlip, Julie Creeden, Rowena Tan, Marlene Hills, Mary McDade, Mary Meyer, Pat Nelson and Michelle Bonjour, ex-officio. PLS administrator in attendance: Jim Stichter. Guests in attendance: Jim Miller, Paul Elser, Bill Joslyn, Gloria Kirkland-Holmes, and Krista Johnson. Also present were several UNI teacher ed students from the class of Dr. Gloria Kirkland-Holmes.

Minutes were approved as read.

### **Administrative Update: Jim Stichter**

1. Jim informed the PAC of the recent Iowa Math and Science Coalition High School Summit which had taken place in the Nielsen Fieldhouse earlier that day. The event had been organized by Joan Duea, head of the IMSC. There were roughly 257 high school students present, representing 52 different schools in the state of Iowa, including NUHS. Also present were Governor Chet Culver and UNI President Ben Allen, who both addressed the students. 70+ other various community leaders/legislators were also in attendance, including the head of the Iowa Business Council. This event was sponsored for more than \$50,000 by 10 different Iowa businesses. Because of its success, and possible future funding, it is likely that this event may happen again.

2. The December PAC meeting will take place on December 12. PLS administration has requested a start time of 6:30, in order to give parents more time to get to the meeting after work. This special meeting will be similar in format to last year's December meeting, as Director Smith will be sharing data on PLS standardized test results, as well as other information. Handouts will be available. Laura has contacted the editor of the CF Times, who will be in attendance again this year. Jim Stichter will contact the UNI public relations office in order to see about getting the Waterloo Courier to cover the event as well. Like last year, babysitting will be provided by NU High School students in the fieldhouse. Due to Christmas vacation, there will be no PAC meeting in January.

### **Report of the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Committee: Gloria Kirkland-Holmes, chair**

Laura thanked Gloria for the outstanding work she has done on this committee. See attached report.\*

### **New Business:**

### **Parental concerns and questions:**

1. Lisbon football game and subsequent events: There were concerns from parents about racist remarks made to NU football players during the Lisbon football game. Mr. Stichter said that these remarks were not brought to the attention of the NU coaches until after the game was over. He said that Coach Asmus had informed the players at the beginning of the season to inform the coaches immediately if racist remarks are being made. Iowa High School Athletic Association policy states that if this happens, the coach then takes the complaint to the referees, the game is stopped, and the situation is dealt with immediately. Since the remarks were not brought to the attention of the coaches until after the game was over, IHSAA states that it is difficult to go back and figure out what happened. PLS administrators contacted the Lisbon administration and discussed the incident. Mr. Stichter said that he will be meeting with the winter sport coaches this Sunday, and that this issue would be **clearly** communicated so that there is no question that

students know exactly what needs to be done, and that students feel safe and comfortable to follow this policy, should this serious and unacceptable situation arise again. It is necessary for the entire PLS community to be aware of two things dealing with sportsmanship: 1.) How to deal with unsportsmanlike conduct from other schools, and 2.) How to ensure good sportsmanship from our players, coaches and parents. Mr. Stichter will be having discussions with the other administrators regarding these two points. They will let the PAC know at the next meeting what kind of input and help they'd like from parents regarding these two points, and possibly set up a task force.

2. Standardized testing and reporting of results: Parents were concerned that individual test scores for middle school students were handed out during class time, which led to students comparing test scores and hurt feelings. Mr. Stichter said that the individual test scores were given to the students by middle school teachers to help motivate them and get them ready to do well on the tests this year, but in hind-sight, this was not a good idea. He will be discussing this with middle school faculty members, as well as middle school principal, JD Cryer, who agrees that this practice should not take place again. A new policy regarding the sharing of individual test scores with students, without parent permission, will be brought to the PAC at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Creeden

\*Attachment on next pages

## **The Fruits and Vegetables Committee Report to the PAC**

**Presented 11/7/07**

**By Gloria Kirkland Holmes, Chair, Fruits and Vegetables Committee**

### **Original Intent of Committee**

- 1. To help implement a Fruits and Vegetables Snack Program-School-wide**
- 2. To introduce the concept to parents and have it as a parent program with assistance from school personnel to implement**

### **Steps Taken to Gather Information**

- 1. Committee met and brainstormed about possibilities**
- 2. Committee met and discussed some of the national research**
- 3. Initial inquiries were made as to whether the State of Iowa had such programs after looking at several other states' plans**
- 4. Asked Committee member, Melanie Griffith to contact representatives in the Iowa Dept. of Education to see if we were eligible for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Programming funding**
- 5. Looked at what the Department of Agriculture and Iowa Health Departments had to offer—Funding possibilities in 1-2 years**
- 6. Contacted Anita Kleppe, UNI, who works with grant applications to help us with funding sources for this program—and we did our own searches after several websites were offered**
- 7. We met with Anita Kleppe who gave us a packet with grant information that would seem to meet the needs we are expressing**
- 8. After reviewing some of the grant information, we decided upon at least four, that we thought we could apply for**
- 9. Rob from "Roots" gave us some projected figures for possible costs for some fresh fruits and vegetables**
- 10. After meeting with Anita Kleppe, we realized that there were many partnerships in some of the grants and that there are PLS faculty, faculty from various departments who could help us with the grant writing**
- 11. I, met with Dr. Michelle Yehiele, who has been the recipient of several grants, and is out of the Iowa Health Disparities Office at UNI to go over the grants packet we had received from the Iowa Department of Education(via e-mail) and from other granting agencies as researched by Anita Kleppe**
- 12. A representative from ASCD contacted me from Molly's office about possible funding for Price Lab School about the possibility**

of the Lab School becoming a "Healthy School" and other sources

13. Made a request fro temporary funds to implement the program in January, 2008 from Dean Callahan

14. Dr. Yehiele is working on the grant that is due Dec. 1, 2007- a Grant for approximately 100,000.00

**Questions:**

1. Should the role of the committee change?
2. Should the faculty of PLS be included at this stage?
3. Should this program be at the hands of the grant writers?
4. Should we develop different committees to help to implement this program?