

**PRESENT:** Morley Hegstrom-RMS Principle, Juan Cuadros-RMS Vice Principle, Nancy Collie-Volunteer Coordinator, Melanie MacKinnon-PAR co-convener, Deb McCarty-PAR co-convener, Maggie Carlson-PAR secretary, Coleen Alexander-PAR treasurer, Ann Cole

PAR Meeting Minutes of Meeting 5 were approved. PAR Business meeting minutes are now located in a notebook in the office – They are posted on the web site as well.

You are welcome to come before PAR meetings from 8:45-9am, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month, for coffee and a chance to chat with Morley and Juan.

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Good Morning and Welcome - Melanie MacKinnon  
Please introduce yourself and name/grade of your student.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – Juan Cuadros

a) Update from Last nights PAR education Meeting

Good attendance – around 30 people

b) Mandy is retiring. There is concern from parents that Mandy is so highly skilled, that not to replace her with someone highly skilled is a true loss. Parents have expressed concerns that RMS does not have good writing programs.

Deb McCarty reports that Site Counsel has been working on these issues. There is much talk and many solutions being worked out. Deb reports the general feeling of site counsel is impressive. The staff on site counsel work very hard and care about these issues.

Juan says a decision on RMS cut backs should be made by Mid-April. Mandy's position may not be replaced at all. RMS is losing a 2.35FTE.

Juan reports total number of students will go from 655 this year to 600 next year. This means there will be 2 more students per class.

c) Lunch across the street. To run this open campus lunch policy costs the school \$5500 per year. With all the cut backs, the school is considering not having this program.

Juan reports  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of students go across the street at lunch. He will continue to do an informal student and count each lunch how many students cross the street. Some options are to charge for the lunch pass.

Different options are being looked at. One is to charge students for their lunch pass. Another is to ask business that benefit from the students buying lunch to contribute.

Deb reports that when talked about at Site Counsel, teachers express support for students to be able to continue to go across the street. It keeps Choice at RMS.

d) Principle position for next year.

There are two openings in 4J for Principals. One at RMS and one at Churchill. Any Principal can put in for a transfer and this happens without an interview process. The 4J superintendent makes the decision.

## **AGENDA –**

### **1) Volunteer Coordinator – Nancy Collie [collie\\_n@4j.lane.edu](mailto:collie_n@4j.lane.edu)**

**a) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip** – No parent volunteer to coordinate the trip yet. Nancy is working on getting a committee together. The place is booked. Buses are being booked.

**b) Staff Appreciation** – Nancy Manley is the parent coordinator. Nancy is asking PAR for \$53.85 to help defer costs. They have a donated luncheon that will happen on a no school day, Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Last year garden club donated plants, they had breakfast provided on day, and invitations were sent out.

**c) Activity Night** – ACT (Student Government) will come up with a theme. There has been a request to change it to May 14<sup>th</sup>. Nancy will bring this to the staff. There are always volunteers needed for this event.

### **2) Showcase – Deb McCarty, parent coordinator for Showcase**

The Silent Auction gets the Gym all day on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to set up. The cafeteria will be available for food committee to set up, just after 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch.

VLT has a show the night of Showcase. No parking in their lot, although we might be able to have a few parking places. They will let us know.

EEF will be run by Gary Powell and Wayne Parker. This committee needs additional help for decorating. Their theme will be “plant a seed, grow a mind”. They will give away seed packets to anyone who approaches the table.

Nancy Collie is organizing volunteers. She needs information from each of the different areas of Showcase to let her know their needs and who they have already recruited.

“Coming Attractions” is a short advertisement and sneak peek at Showcase. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming Attractions is due out just after Spring Break.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for articles for the Newsletter. The special addition Showcase Newsletter gets mailed to all families and to all incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade families on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

April 7<sup>th</sup> there is an all coordinator meeting for Showcase.

April 15<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> “Coming Attraction” letter goes out.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> “Coming Attraction” letter goes out.

Deb will send out Thank you letters to all staff after the event.

**3)Scrip and escrip** – Maggie Carlson [scottc15@yahoo.com](mailto:scottc15@yahoo.com) 484-9286  
no changes

**4)Treasurer’s Report** – Colleen Alexander  
no changes

**NEXT PAR MEETING IS FRIDAY April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 FROM 9-10:30**

Please join us 8:45 to 9am for good coffee and conversation with Morley and Juan