

Polaris at Ebert Collaborative School Committee

Agenda October 5, 2015

1. Call to Order

PRESENT:

Marisa Hudson-Arney - parent
Stephanie Nussbaumer - parent
Jennifer Reynolds - parent
Michelle Higgins – paraprofessional
Catherine Forington - teacher
Gail Axt - teacher
Anne Sterrett - principal

Guests: Elizabeth Yarnell (parent) and Jeffrey Keith (parent)

2. Update on UIP - Principal Anne Sterrett

- The UIP will be the same as last year due to lack of state-wide data available. The document will be adjusted after November when CMAS/ PARCC data comes out.
- Reading goal focuses on growth above 65% MGP (median growth percentile). Professional development will focus on improving small group, individualized reading instruction.
- There were no questions or further suggestions.

3. Parent Presentation: Jeffrey Keith color exhibit proposal for Polaris Fund

- Jeffrey Keith presented a proposal and budget for a color show at Polaris. He will approach the PTO for the approximately \$300-\$600 needed for the installation
- Questions:
Who would coordinate details (photography, installation, printing, fundraiser)?
What curricular extensions would be offered for children to interact with the exhibit?
How long will the installation last? Indefinite at Polaris, could move to other schools
- CSC decided to recommend the project to the PTO to decide to fund or not.

4. Parent Presentation: Make a Movie Workshop, Ltd - Elizabeth Yarnell

- START grant five years ago for two years, then two year extension. Now the grant is expired (two years ago). The grant \$\$ fully outfitted the movie making studio. Now the STEAM fundraiser (Romancing the Vine) raises \$5-7,000 for the next year.
- Over the course of the grant many different arts were invited in, including, but not exclusively the stop-motion and live-action movie making. Now that the grant is over, the focus is only on movie-making. Every attempt is made to make curriculum connections, assuming preparation from teacher in class.
- Problems in budgeting partially due to miscommunication between program and teachers; Google calendar and set hours by Make A Movie will hopefully remedy that problem.
- There are options for including different grades, adding electives, increasing funding, etc. If the STEAM sub-committee doesn't have enough, there may be other ways to pay for increasing the programs. There is enough money to continue as it has been done in the past, after paying for the overrun from last year.
- Input from teachers would be valuable. More information about additional related programming suggested. Elizabeth Yarnell would like to speak with the faculty. Kristin Alix would be able to explain the additional projects suggested.
- The CSC decided to defer to the STEAM committee about this year's commitments, with the request to gather more information about future programming.

5. We had 30 minutes of discussion about the various programs which affect classroom time. The teachers will gather information about what those programs are, how they began, what their purposes are. There is no implication that any of these programs will change, but the CSC is responsible for the curricular programming of the school and needs more information to get a feel for the big picture.

6. Next meeting agenda items suggested:

- To be determined