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SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Art Room 6:15 – 8:15

Present: Sheila McAdams, Jen Bauman, Steve Filosa, Debbie Muench, Kathy McMahon, John Wigglesworth, Kate McCormick, Katie Hertz, Jay Dawson, and Linda Armerding.

Guest: Ellen Kenyon

Absent: Katie Burkush, Kelly Shafer, Paula MacGauley, Clay Marsh, Chris Thibodeau, Suzanne Benfield

1. Assign Roles and Responsibilities

Note Taker: Jen Bauman

Gatekeeper: Jay Dawson

Timekeeper: John Wigglesworth

Refreshments: Kelly Shafer (Linda Armerding and Kathy McMahon – next month)

2. Approve March 4, 2008 minutes

Minutes approved – Kate motioned to accept, Jay seconded.

3. Parent and Staff Feedback and Questions

The recycling committee has a program to share with Winthrop but scheduling it for the entire school is tough with MCAS and other special programs through FRIES. The perception is that Winthrop is not doing as much recycling as Doyon. Next years' agenda topics will include going paperless for Wednesday Weekly, using recyclable food trays in cafeteria, and other recycling ideas.

Art will be displayed at Zumi's in May showcasing some of our students' works.

The playground committee met last week about the preschool playground and their needs.

Work will be done over the summer so that it is complete by September.

4. School Improvement Plan

Goal 1 – The strict forms of UBD may not be feasible for K-5 – not practical in curriculum where many subjects are taught in an integrated manner, but our staff is discussing how to take the tenets offered and modify them for our needs.

Goal 2 – keep transition team in place

Goal 3 – Respect and Responsibility committee will continue with Deb Trevarrow

Goal 4 – Reading Comprehension Strategies

Goal 5 – Fostering cooperation – stop the competition with Doyon.

5. Council Make-Up for 2008/2009

This is the last year for the following members: Linda Armerding, Kelly Shafer, John Wigglesworth, Katie Hertz, Steve Filosa, Paula MacGauley, and Clay Marsh. This is the 2nd year for Jay Dawson, Chris Thibodeau, Kate McCormick, and Debbie Muench. This is the first year for Kathy McMahon, Katie Burkush, and Suzanne Benfield.

6. Override Information

The website for the override is www.turnthetideipswich.org. The committee is setting up phone banks to call residents, signing people up to vote, and educating the public on the importance of supporting the override.

7. Upcoming Events

This Friday is the Gilligan's Island fundraiser with Doyon.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 6:15 pm. **PLEASE BE PROMPT.**