

## Minutes from October 26, 2016

### Old Business:

**Field Day 2016-2017:** Erin Bettini held a Field Day Planning Meeting on October 13, 2016. Three grade level committees were formed; Pre-K & K, 1 & 2, and 3 & 4. Jackie Bill and Melissa Brady are chairpersons for Pre K and K, Mary Strout and Erin Bettini are chairpersons for grades 1 and 2, and Amanda Fecteau is the chairperson for grades 3 and 4. At this time the chairpersons are asking the teams what their grade level what like to see for activities and games.

Joseph Bordeau/ Mary Ellen Giard are the chairpersons for the cafeteria/lunch committee. A cookout theme was suggested.

Next Meeting for the field day committee is Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 3:30 pm in the LMC.

**Reading Rocks:** Gina Barber reported that Reading rocks is going well. She had about 15 students attend the first one. That is a much larger attendance than last year. It was heavily publicized at Open House, in the Wednesday Folder, Griswold NOW, and it is written on the white boards at the entrances.

**Contact Books:** Mary Ellen reported that grades 1, 2, 3, have been distributed to the students. The goal is to get grades K and 1 distributed by the end of October.

**Families and Community First Griswold:** Bridget Kinnie reported that a new logo had been developed, it was shared with the group. It was created by Gina Barber. Bridget said that they have been working on all papers and information with the Children First title and changing it to the Families and Community First Griswold title. She reported that the group is organized under six committees; Health, Preschool to School, Chronic Absence, Substance Abuse/Griswold Pride, Equity and Justice, and Economic Stability.

**Reading Buddies:** Mary Ellen reported that about half the school has been paired up with Buddies. There are a few changes from last year due to staff changes. Everyone should be paired up soon.

### New Business:

**Author Visit 2016-2017:** GES is not having an author visit this year. We would like to do one every other year, so we could get a more high powered author/ illustrator. Judy Beahan gave several suggestions that we could look into. It also suggested that we collaborate and share expenses with a couple of other schools in the area. We are going to talk to the PTO and see if someone from PTO would like to join in on the author/ illustrator visit committee.

**Book Fair:** Gina Barber reported that the book fair brought in about \$1,000 less than last year. People did not know where it was due to it being in the cafeteria. It was not able to be in the gym, due to the gym being used. It was suggested to have the book fair in the fall in the Media Center, then it could be set up early. There will be added discussions on the book fair before May.

**Reading Challenge:** Judy suggested that we may want to do something different instead of counting minutes. Perhaps we might want to count pages. Other suggestions will be continued to be explored over the next couple of meetings.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 3:30 pm in the LMC**