

March 18th, 2009
Brookside Elementary Community Council Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order by Corine Clark. All members were present. Minutes from the February 18th, 2009 meeting were read by Corine Clark. Wendy LeFevre made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Jane Thorpe seconded it.
2. DeAnn Nielsen discussed our kindergarten registration numbers. We had 84 students register thus far. It looks like we will be able to keep the fifth section of kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. The parents will fill out the family information cards when they register their kindergartener on July 30th. That way the family information will be current for the upcoming year.
3. Professional Development Plan:
 - a. Homework lab is up and running from 8:00 to 8:30 am daily.
 - b. The after school choir will start up next year. It will be run with 4-6 graders. (Maybe we could use Art Grant monies to fund this program. Erika and Wendy will look into that for next year.)
 - c. Trust Land monies will be cut 30% next year.
 - d. We are looking into moving the Waterford program to the resource or ESL room for the next school year. We are also looking into purchasing a couple more computers. Each computer/program costs \$3,500.00.
 - e. We are also looking into a Success Maker program that is a math and literacy tutorial program for the upper grades. It is similar to the Waterford program in the primary grades.
 - f. We also look forward to increasing the Star Tutor hours for next year. The students will go 4-5 days a week instead of 2 days a week. Other schools are having greater success with this approach.
4. DeAnn Nielsen also presented to the committee an overview of the presentation she gave to the DO on Brookside's reading performance in grades K-6.
5. Crisis Management plan was pushed to next month due to time limits.
6. There is a Bond meeting for all members of the community council on March 25th at 4:00 pm. Make sure to attend the meeting to become informed about the upcoming Bond. The Bond election will be June 23rd. Take time to inform your neighbors and friends of the importance of the upcoming Bond election.
7. Next meeting is April 22nd, 2009.