

Faculty Meeting Notes 8-19-11

Attendance:

Phyllis Cavallone, Principal

Kayla Gelsomino, PK

Caitlin Kobus, JK

Debra Chow, K

Kamile Jaskeviciute, 1st

Debbe Oi, 2nd

Lora Solona, 3rd

Lisa Low, 4th

Colleen Mostyn, 5th

Jeff Chrusciel, 6th

Nick Filipiak, 7th

Carol Hang, 8th

Steve Cottam, Religious Coordinator

Elisa Wong, Art

Jing Jing Ton Lee, Absent

D. Fernandez, Absent

Gus Gonzalez, Absent

Lisa Gunawan & Debra Ng, Resource

- **Social Committee:** Kayla Gelsomino, Debbie Chow, Lisa Gunawan (acknowledging birthdays, babies, weddings etc) 5 dollar donation from each faculty/staff member in order to celebrate everyone's special day.
- Students are not allowed to be in the school kitchens (downstairs or upstairs) Remember to keep the bathrooms/kitchen cleans. Be mindful of what you keep in those spaces.
- Faculty can adopt the FSP lunches

- Discussing the Inquiry based study (science and social studies)
 - Adopting the inquiry based study throughout the school earlier than the required 2014 date, but this year we are asked to implement one unit for each grade level.
 - Xerox copies so that everyone has the same units so that we are able to communicate.
 - Social Studies---
 - K-Farm 1st
 - 1st - Communities
 - 2nd - Guide to the US
 - 3rd - Government
 - 4th - US Regions
 - 5th - Civil War
 - 6th - Legacy of Cultures
 - 7th - Social Reform
 - 8th - Constitution.
 - Science---
 - K-Insects Growth and Change
 - 1st Animal and Plant Adaptations
 - 2nd - Habitats
 - 3rd Habitats
 - 4th - Life in Systems
 - 5th - Biomes
 - 6th - Plate Tectonics
 - 7th - Genetics
 - 8th - Greenhouse Effect, Climate Change and Atmosphere
- Curriculum Fair Topics Verification:
 - PK- What I want to be when I grow up?
 - JK- All About Me K- Young Authors Story Book
 - 1st - The 50 States

- 2nd-Diorama My Favorite Scene
 - 3rd- Young Authors Part 2
 - 4th- Science Fair Part I
 - 5th- A Writing Portfolio (Will get back to Phyllis)
 - 6th- History Fair
 - 7th- Mathematicians
 - 8th-Science Fair Part II
- Fees please send CHECKS to St. Therese School. Grades 1-8, \$130.00 and the PK-K- \$100.00.
 - Birthday Cake letters about limiting the intake of sweets for holidays and birthdays. Debbie Chow is creating a letter to go home.
 - Teacher duty sheet verified (afterschool, duty on the streets, mornings, outside, etc)
 - If we are feeling unsafe about a particular parent, please be sure to express that concern to Phyllis to that she may do her best to check it out.
 - Teacher Aid Meetings Discussed the helping the upper grade teachers cover their books.
 - First floor teacher aids are not available to be pulled out of class. Early Childhood teachers need them in their rooms for legal purposes.
 - Colleen needs someone for 15 minutes 9:30-9:45. 18 Kids- 5th grade. D.E.A.R in the art room ★MTW or downstairs for recess ★Th Fri. Mrs. Wong or Mrs. Gallardo will be available to look over them during that time.
 - Nick went over an Edline check up- making sure each teacher is set up with their schedules, parent letters, calendars so that the parents and students are able to see what you have posted.
 - Colleen reviewed Edmodo, a Facebook for schools
 - PowerSchool Creating a list of what you need to have from your students when they come in. Keeping an electronic copy of what has been brought. Keep in mind to keep those categories as a weight of zero so that the student grades would not be affected.
 - Executive Functioning- be sure to keep a consistent calendar in Edline, PowerSchool, and the classroom calendars to create a consistent form of communication between the teachers, students and parents.

- Edline privacy of what you have posted for those classes. We like to keep our curriculum to ourselves or at least at a limited view to our parents or other visitors in order to keep what we do somewhat private.
- Dress code- No Jeans unless its dress down. No Flip Flops at all.
- September Dress Down Days for Grades 1 -8: Sept 16th & Sept 30th