

Dowling Site Council

October 6, 2017

Present: Fadua Pastrano, Jessica Keely, Jean Kochevar, Ann Terlizzi, Kelly English, Tracy Young, Paul Sarver, Mahdi Egal, Kate Derickson, Khadija Jama, Marissa Smith, Shawna Hedlund, Catherine McDonnell-Forney, Janet Kujat, Eric Day, Ann Cary, Emily Nelson, Edna Farah, Val Ausland

Excused: Lloyd Winfield, Abdi Mohamed, Ben Younan, Sandy Moir, Lisa Gustafson

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Retreat Minutes

The Green Team was removed from the list of the Environmental Committee. The Green Team should be part of the PTO.

- **Motion to approve the minutes as amended.**

Principal's Report

No report.

Old Business

Eric Day volunteered to review over the DSC By-laws. The By-laws must be sent to the Area Superintendent before the DSC can vote on them. Eric made several suggestions to streamline and improve the document. Eric will make the changes on a copy of the By-laws to be submitted to the Area Superintendent.

- **Motion to accept the revised DSC By-law and submit them to the Area Superintendent for approval, Seconded, Carried.**

New Business

Festival of Nations Update – Jessica Keely & Fadua Fastrano

A committee met yesterday to go over the specifics. Each family will get a passport that will be stamped when the country is visited. Parents must stay with their children since this is a family event. There will be one classroom per grade level. Teachers will get to select the country they want to feature from a list of offerings Jessica will send out. There will be food, music, artifacts and crafts from the country. It will take place on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Committee Reports

Diversity Committee – Kate Derickson

The committee hasn't met yet this year. Last year, they worked on getting more diversity on the DSC and at other school events.

Wellness Committee - Kelly English

They are meeting monthly. They are working on Social-Emotional Learning. The first event was the Twin City Marathon Family Event. They are trying to increase the number of staff on the committee and adding more diversity.

Environmental Committee - Tracy Young

The committee has not met yet. The Dowling Website now has an Environmental page with pictures uploaded weekly. She has published two monthly newsletters that are sent home in the Wednesday folders.

The students are continuing harvesting zucchini and tomatoes. The zucchini will be served at lunch. The garden needs to be cleaned out by November 12.

The Conservation Corp is coming next week to take out dead and diseased apple trees. The committee is trying to find ways to replace trees without a budget.

Next Meeting Date

Friday, November 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Kujat, DSC Secretary