

TNK Meeting Minutes for September 9th, 2014

Primrose Preschool preceded normal meeting business with a brief commentary of their Japanese Preschool. They will be having a concert and have invited immersion families to participate. Primrose will also be offering after school care starting Jan 2015. They will work to provide homework help in Japanese.

Introductions were made by meeting attendees.

Brandon Locke was unable to attend meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. We will work to reschedule for another meeting.

Principal's Report: Each of the principals briefly introduced themselves:

- Tina Johnson- Harris - Dimond principal - This is her first year at Dimond, so she is still working to get to know everything that immersion does. She is familiar with immersion because her own children attended that program. She indicated that she recognized the importance of language immersion..
- Michael Perkins - Mears principal - He mentioned that he is happy to have two highly qualified immersion teachers, and he considers having two male teachers a wonderful experience for the students. Both teachers are elective teachers & core teachers at Mears. Mears will host Chitose in January. The dates are the 7th through the 12th. Next May Mears will travel to Chitose Japan for the outbound exchange trip. This will be the third time that Mears has had an exchange. If interested in hosting contact Mike.
- Lisa Huffman - Sand Lake principal - Lisa mentioned that they are focusing on working on the classroom process.

Introduction of Board and Coordinators:

Shannon Crosson (president) - introduced herself and mentioned that it's the 25th year of the immersion program. TNK will focus on highlighting this accomplishment throughout the year.

Patrick Hewlett (vice -president) was not available to introduce himself.

Jennifer O'Neill (secretary) introduced herself and described her function as secretary.

Ryan Kimura (co-treasurer) introduced himself and described his job as co-treasurer with Ed Hall.

Krista Dennison - fall dinner coordinator -talked about the family fall dinner.

Teresa Moore - intern committee chair - introduced herself and mentioned the function of her job and the intern committee.

Group Discussion

We broke into groups and discussed our reasons for choosing Japanese Immersion. The purpose of the discussion was to act as an ice breaker and get to know new members.

Family Fall Dinner Update:

- Oct 4 th is the date of the event. Date was chosen because PFDs come out that week. Baskets ideas should be organized through the class room. Lots of entertainment at the event, bounce house, and the traditional cupcake walk.. Looking for donations of books as an option instead of cupcakes too. Mr . Perkins confirmed that Mears can have over 1000 people safely. There is less parking so come early.
- Basket Making party Oct. 1 at 6pm at Mears library. Bring baskets!

Intern Committee:The interns briefly introduced themselves. Intern Welcome Potluck is coming up. If you are interested in taking the interns out for an intern night out, contact Teresa Moore or Shrestha sensei.

Treasurer's report: Ed Hall handed out the treasurer's report and described the report. She asked for questions with regard to the report.