

Unity Community Ed Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 6, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Persons in attendance: Tanna Worrell, Kim Butler, Pat Kastens, Brandon Robinson and Deb Paulsen.

Motion was made by Pat Kastens and seconded by Tanna Worrell to accept the minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting as presented.

Spring Classes

Current & upcoming classes were discussed. Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Kyuki-Do After-School Martial Arts Club, and Snowmobile Safety had high participation. Orpheum Theatre trip to Mamma Mia sold out almost immediately. New classes are being offered are Financial Peace and Foods to Reduce Pain & Inflammation.

Candlelight Hike Feb. 15, 2014

The upcoming candlelight hike on the school nature trail was discussed. Details are being finalized. Promotion of the hike in the next week will be done by radio, paper, email, Facebook, and notes home with students. The event runs from 4:30-7:00pm and includes a candlelit trail through the school forest, bonfire, roasted marshmallows, hot chocolate and hot cider.

Online Payments

Information about two primary companies offering online payment options that would work with school software was presented. Pros and cons for each were discussed, with one of the companies appearing to be more favorable in terms of creating efficiency and value to users. Implementing this program will be explored further.

Annual Picnic 5K Run/Walk

Plans to change the annual wellness walk at the Community Homecoming Picnic into a 5K race are in progress. Logistics were discussed. Potential sponsors will be contacted. Proceeds from the race will be used to support local non-profit programs that impact Unity students.

Facility Scheduling/Reservations

Mr. Robinson discussed information he received at the education convention regarding Wisconsin's new Liability Law and how it affects our facility usage. We will work on streamlining the information to update our Facility Use Agreement form.

Miscellaneous

Open computer lab in the evenings a couple of times per week will be implemented until the end of the school year. We will re-evaluate needs after this trial period.

Unity School will be hosting the Sunday morning breakfast during the Governor's Fishing Opener in Polk County. Unity Jazz choir will be singing at an event that weekend as well.

Free Wi-Fi at school after school hours has been appreciated by many users. We need to publicize it in community ed publications, as well as other avenues so more people are aware of it.

Next meeting date is April 3, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the District Board room.