

## **Unity Community Ed Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, September 5, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

Persons in attendance: Pat Kastens, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Kim Butler, Joey Nelson, Cara Holicky, and Deb Paulsen.

Motion was made by Pat Kastens and seconded by Joey Nelson to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2013 meeting as presented.

#### **Community Picnic:**

Plans for the 2013 community picnic are well under way. Donations are being secured for food, water and other services, and non-profit agencies are being contacted for booth space and games. Entertainment that has been scheduled so far: Kid Zumba Dance Party; Bouncy House from Salvation Army; AYSO Soccer Kicking game; Otter Creek Ranch horse rides, wagon rides, and petting zoo; Remote-controlled Airshow; Unity Ambulance, Polk County Squad Car, possible Milltown Fire Engine. We are still looking at a few more activities to get scheduled, including music and more large inflatables.

Cara Holicky graciously agreed to coordinate the Wellness Walk. A 15-minute Zumba warm-up, led by Michelle Flaherty, will take place before the walk.

#### **Halloween**

Following on the success of last year's event, we are planning on joining forces with the Polk County Museum for trick-or-treating at the museum, followed by a free meal and event at the school. The main event that is being considered is a game show called "Min-It to Win-It." This would be purchased through the company Kid Again, which has provided our inflatables for the Halloween party in past years. The game show is interactive with the audience and can be geared to elementary through middle school grades. The company provides the host and props, and would set up in the auditorium.

For younger children, the middle school gym could house some inflatables, including a bouncy house, large slide, and play zone.

The witch's call will still be held at 8:30 that evening, assuming that we will have donated prizes to give away to the students.

#### **Miscellaneous**

A Unity Community Education Facebook page has been created and has already gained several followers. A recommendation was made to start a Community Ed Twitter account.

**Next meeting date** is October 3, 2013 at 5:00 pm in the District Board room.