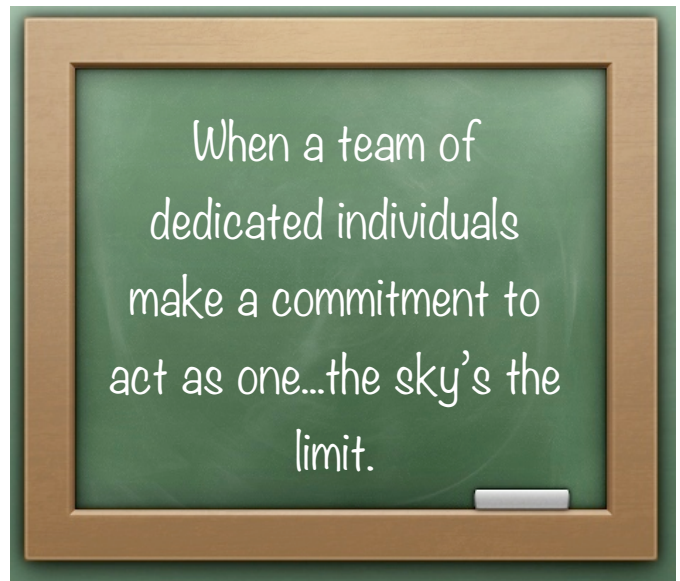


School Advisory Council Meeting

R. Frank Nims Middle School

October 15, 2014
6:00 p.m.



Agenda

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Welcome
3. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
There was a quorum.
4. Approval of Agenda/Minutes
The agenda was approved by Mr. Cole.
The motion was seconded by Ms. Currie.
5. Old Business
 - Mr. Cole spoke to the progress that has been made since his tenure as principal (new administrative team).
 - He also gave a brief update on this year's School Improvement Plan.
6. New Business
 - Curriculum Update – given by Ms. Knight
 - FSA – Ms. Knight shared that we need to teach students how to apply information and then gave a few tips on how parents can help at home – “What does it remind you of?” “What does it relate to?”
 - 6th – 8th students will have to write based on at least two (2) pieces of information (article, passage, etc.) The writing is being reinforced through Achieve. Last year's goal for Achieve was 70%. At the end of the year, 60% of the students met that target. This year's target is 80%. At this time, 52% of the students are averaging 80%.

- The PSAT was administered today. There were approximately 70 students that took the exam. Results will be available in December or January.
- This Friday is the end of the first nine-week grading period.
- Principal Update – given by Mr. Cole
 - Monday is a Teacher Planning Day, which means there will be no school for the students. We will host a Cheer Camp for girls (5 – 14). The cost is \$20 and lunch will be provided.
 - Mr. Cole also mentioned that the area in which we struggle each year is parental involvement and the need for Nims to have a PTO. He asked if there were parents that would be interested in participating in the PTO. He would also like for the organization to think of creative ways to raise funds to support Nims.
 - Science Night will be held next Thursday, October 23rd from 6 – 8. There will be lots of hands-on activities for all to participate in. This event will be held in the Gym. Food will be in the Cafeteria.

7. Parent Workshop – Mrs. Cooper and Ms. Woods-Roberts

- Ms. Woods- Roberts and Mrs. Cooper gave a presentation on AVID. She also spoke to how students are chosen to be a part of AVID as well as student expectations. (see attached)

Communities in Schools (see attached)

- Ms. Carpenter gave information about the services provided by Communities in Schools. A Girl Scout mentoring program will begin next week. She also stated that she is here to provide additional support for the students.

8. Member Comments

9. Public Comments

10. Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, November 18th

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.