

Peirce School Council Minutes
May 8, 2014

Present: Ishir Bhan, Katya Salkever, Nick Nesta, Mark Chitty, Barbara DePasquale, Joanne Malouf, Georgia Smith, Mandy Bass

Review/Approval of Minutes, March 20, 2014

Motion to Approve by Mandy. Second by Georgia. Approved unanimously.

Health and Wellness Initiatives

We are focusing on exercise now and will look at nutrition in the spring. We discussed keeping logs of healthy snacks with an incentive. We also discussed the idea of classes developing recipes for healthy foods and creating a school cookbook with illustrations. We will plan to have a Health Fair in the fall, drawing on the expertise of parents and staff members. This will include a portion during the school day and an evening event. We will also explore the topic of body image and how we might address this with our children.

Playground Community Build

The old playground has been demolished. The new structure will be built by hundreds of volunteers during the weekend of May 17th and 18th. The flooring will be installed in late May, and the projected opening of the playground is June 6th at the Family Dance.

Enrollment for Next Year

We will have 15 classrooms during the 2014-15 school year in the following configuration: 2 Kindergartens, 1 K/1 class, 2 First Grades, 2 Second Grades, 3 Third Grades, 3 Fourth Grades, 2 Fifth Grades. The Second Grades will be the large classes with 24 projected for each class. The three sections of Fourth Grade will prevent numbers in the high 20's. The projected total for the school is 305.

Other Topics

We received a visit and brief demonstration (via video) from our new robot, which will play a role in teaching students to write code.

Next meeting: June 12, 2014.