

BULKELEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING LEVEL PLANNING TEAM

MINUTES: February 19, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melanie Babineau, John Kemnitzer, Nancy Erlanger,
Jane Hoffman, Lottchen Shivers, Helen Knapp, Matt Grande, Beth Heady

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Karas, Lisa Lang, Nancy Ebel

Topics Discussed:

- After School Club Offerings
 - Members reviewed and discussed survey results.
 - Literary Magazine: 74
 - Drama Club: 91
 - Adventure Club: 172
 - Computer Club: 71
 - Music Club: 113
 - History Club: 60

Overall the Adventure Club was most popular, followed by Music Club.

Discussion also included interested staff as advisors, equipment, classroom extensions and expenses.

- Health/Wellness Day Update
 - Invitations to presenters have been mailed. Deadline for RSVP is 2/29. Follow up calls will be made.
 - Melanie, with the assistance of Rita, will assess space & equipment needs.
 - Rufia Payman has agreed to be our keynote speaker. Nancy will call & share this team's ideas for the keynote address.
 - Students will be able to select fitness choice.
 - Matt & Melanie will arrange "flow" of sessions.
 - John will send an email update prior to our next mtg.

- School Climate with regard to Recess/playground
 - Tom Burnell and Beth Hauptman will be meeting with a group of 6-8 graders to discuss the cafeteria/lunch program.
 - BLPT Members will tour/observe/interview students during lunch & recess 10:35-12:45. Visitations will be arranged in advance with Mr. Kemnitzer.
 - Teachers will be asked to observe lunch/recess as well enabling them to generate suggestions.
 - Those who staff lunch/recess need an opportunity to offer input.
 - Perhaps HS students can facilitate activities during recess. Would it be possible for parent volunteers to assist during recess to facilitate activities?
 - What alternate spaces can be offered for recess?
 - Is the outdoor space adequate? Needed changes?
 - Is equipment needed?
 - Perhaps Mix It Up Days can be phased in slowly so children come to enjoy them.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 18, 2008
6:30 p.m. BMS Art Room