



Greenbrier Elementary: The School of Kindness

SIC Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2010

11:00 AM

In attendance:

Nichole Colby, Kristin Krinock, Nicky Andrews, Lydia Pettigrew, Tina Pringle, Vivian Lane

Minutes from November SIC meeting reviewed as submitted by SIC Secretary Laura Dickason and approval given by Ms. Pettigrew. Second approval of minutes was given by Ms Krinock.

Principal's Report:

Ms. Andrews shared current events in December including the PTA meeting/choral performance and the Polar Express day scheduled for December 17, 2010. Students will come to school wearing pajamas and ready for fun activities with staff, volunteers, and classmates. Also planned during Polar Express Day the Mauldin high school students representing CAN will be visiting and using the fun day to recruit even more interest in this program.

Ms. Andrews along with Ms. Pettigrew reported the outcome of this year's Santa stocking exchange. Greenbrier teamed up with the Salvation Army to provide Christmas gifts to children with a need in our community. The response by students, teachers and donations made by the community was an overwhelming success. In addition to meeting the needs of our children the exchange offered an opportunity for our "kindness patrol" to discuss the "feeling of giving" which further develops Greenbriers culture of nurturing good character.

Review of By-laws:

By-laws will be reviewed and discussed in a subcommittee meeting to be held early January 2011. The goal for this review is to verify that our SIC by-laws accurately describe the structure of the Greenbrier SIC ensuring the foundation for growth in membership and accurately representing the goals set for the SIC future.

Announcements/Discussion:

Ms. Krinock shared an update on the recent program given to most 2nd and 5th graders talking about touch and what constitutes appropriate touch.

Ms Krinock also gave an update on the most recent CAN event held at Greenbrier in November. The event was successful and feedback from students was positive. The next event is in planned for January 2011. Students continue to be encouraged to commit to CAN and enrollment will remain open.

Parent support Group:

Ms. Krinock volunteered to lead a discussion in our January meeting with the topic of "Homework". She will lead the discussion offering tips to improve

valuable homework time with an emphasis on the struggling parent/student. Two additional upcoming topics were decided for the remainder of the school and include Disciplining Children (February) and issues addressing “Maturing Children” (TBD).

Reading Room:

Ms. Andrews reported that the reading room will be open Wednesdays as previously planned and some additional changes are being made with the bookshelves.

Traffic Concerns:

Ms. Dickason requested discussion of a safety issue at the intersection of Log Shoals road and Ivy Lane. The morning traffic meets at the same spot as a cross walk for children. The cross walk is currently without a traffic guard and with a backup on Ivy the environment at times becomes very congested. Ms. Colby is checking with Mauldin police department about possible contacts to discuss issue. Ideas discussed were: side walk, alternate route for traffic other than Ivy, and/or possibly having part of Log Shoals closed at certain times of the day reducing two way traffic. It was determined we will need photos of the risk to validate concern and approach the sheriffs department.

Tentative Agenda for SIC Meeting Jan 13, 2011 11:00 AM

1. Welcome - Nichole Colby
2. Approval of November Minutes – Nichole Colby
2. Principals Report - Nicky Andrews
3. Presenting Speaker - Kristin Krinock/Lydia Pettigrew/Amy Terlitsky - “Homework”
4. Discussion/Questions –Open
5. Announcements –
6. Adjourn –Nichole Colby