

Home & School Meeting 10/10/13
6pm

*Amy Keller noted that meeting would be short because of a miscommunication about keeping the school open—school could only remain open until 6:30.

1. Playground

- Amy is getting estimates to get playground fixed.
 - There is damage to the bridge and to the mats - playground will be shut down if not fixed.
 - Had someone out on 10/4 to assess, but no estimate back yet. When fixed in the past, mats have cost \$2k to \$3k. Repairman recommended one piece to replace, but that is estimated to cost \$20k.
 - Amy asked for motion to make paying for bridge repair a priority and for HSA to pay for it using existing money. Lisa Lobitz motioned, Sherry Myers seconded. Attendees voted in favor to do this.
 - Mats are longer term project. Need to look into alternatives (possibility of grass or no mats, a sponsor like the the Phillies, new fundraiser ideas, etc.).
- Leveling Effects on CW
 - Rumors that 3rd and 4th grade will have to have split classes because CW is losing two teachers due to leveling.
 - Amy Keller and Tom Alexander said in response to e-mails to Ms. Thomas asking for more information on how leveling would affect CW, she directed them to Chief Communications Director Fernando Gallard. He said no final decisions have been made but that in these tough times, cuts can be expected, although he didn't believe split classes for 3rd and 4th grade would happen (despite many other sources of information saying this is true).
 - Unofficial word is that nothing will change until 10/28.
 - Rebecca Poyourow said Parents United fought split classes in 2007 and then Superintendent Vallas agreed not to use them. Rebecca encouraged parents to attend 10/15 SRC meeting - it's open.
 - Sherry Meyers is working to get press to cover this issue - has interest from Channel 10 if we can show proof this is happening or if we hold a rally.
 - Ideas to fight this - involve kids (protest at drop off or walk out at lunch, having kids wear prison uniforms for costume parade in Oct.).
- Discussion about Facebook Page
 - Admins deleted a post on 10/10 because it was believed post violated FB page's policies.
 - Questions were raised about who runs this page and if it's ok to delete posts.
 - Need to determine if this page should continue to have admins who are on H&S board, or if H&S should create a separate page to share information - pros and cons were discussed but no decision made.