

## **McMurray Site Council minutes, January 5, 2006.**

Present: Greg Allison, Colleen Sweeney, Evan Justin, Jan Kammert, Laura Davidheiser, Donna Gagner, Mary Walker, Laura Johnson, Laureen Veatch

Minutes recorded by Laureen Veatch

### **Computer programming course**

The first session of the computer programming class began on Jan. 12, 2006 with 15 students attending, 8 from Family Link and 7 from McMurray. There are plans to hopefully open this up to students interested in an electronics session following this 8 week program. The hope is that this will become a technology club with a variety of topics offered in successive sessions. The information technology (IT) person, John Stanton, has lots of ideas with the help of Evan Justin and other staff members from the science and computer departments at McMurray.

### **Middle School Philosophy Book Study**

The teachers at MMS are studying effective middle school philosophy with the book "This We Believe, Successful Schools for Young Adolescents." There is 90-95% teacher participation so far.

### **Video Contest**

Some 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are involved in making a video for a contest called "Why We Love Our School". The video will be a 10 minute piece to be shown in March. They are working with John Stanton. Karen Person, Carolyn Zike and Greg Allison are overseeing this project.

### **3.0 Club**

241 students were awarded Sonics tickets through the 3.0 or better club.

### **Code of Conduct for Commuting Students**

A new code of conduct was written for students who commute. Greg Allison, ferry personnel, students and the State Patrol all met to discuss the code.

### **Exploratory Week**

The Winter Dance made \$ 1,000 to 1,400 to contribute to Exploratory Week expenses, which now has 11 to 12 programs offered this year.

### **Rec Night**

There will be a magician at Rec Night on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. A questionnaire was distributed to the students asking what they would like to have on future Rec Nights, and we are waiting for those to come in.

### **Student of the Week**

Students are nominated by staff, student and some parents and are recognized for positive actions. The students are awarded prizes such as pens and pencil sharpeners. This recognition encompasses part of the **Student Improvement Plan**.

**New School Website**

The new site is up and running, and looks great. It seems to be an easier format to navigate.

**Clean School**

Laura Davidheiser noted that after the break, the school looked so clean. Other parents and staff also noticed the hard work that the custodians had done.