

School Site Council Meeting Notes

taken by E. Yuzbashev on February 4, 2014

Present:

P. Holliday - principal,
P. Tattersall, E. Yuzbashev, C. Loisi-Napolitano - parents
M. Gildenberg, A. Beck - teachers

Principal's Report

- The District has used 4th snow day (now 6 days)- the schools will have to be open to make up these days. The board of education approved that school will be in session on Presidents' Day 2/17 and the Professional Development Day 3/14.
- South Brunswick School District has 181 days in the school calendar. The state requires 180. The District has one extra day.
- Superintendent will look at taking days from the spring break.
- The kindergarten registration is on Feb 19 district-wide, 10am-12pm and 5-8pm.
- The superintendent will present the State of the District at the District Summit on Mon, Feb 24.
- The Rotary Club has a long-standing tradition of presenting all 3rd graders with a Student's Dictionary. The presentation will be on Thu, Feb 20th.
- The visit by the children's book author Margie Palatino was enjoyed by all children.
- Every grade picked a country to follow during the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. The front office is Team USA.

Math, Science and Technology Night wrap-up

- Big turnout in all classrooms
- The tickets to the Star Lab presentations were distributed very quickly even with the 3rd grades being not eligible. The 3rd graders have Star Lab as part of the regular instruction.
- The guessing jars are still being counted to determine the winners.

Literacy Night

- Literacy Night is on Wed, Mar 12.
- The character trait that will be the focus of the event is Perseverance.
- The synonymous mnemonic is GRIT - Gumption, Resilience, Inner strength, Tenacity.
- The 4th graders have an idea for the presentation format to be a wax museum. Still in a very early stage.
- Another idea for the night is to celebrate everyone's uniqueness through examples of perseverance demonstrated by all kinds of people in achieving their goals.