

ACOS
Meeting Notes: May 3rd, 2012

Meeting began at approximately 12 pm on May 3rd, 2012, at Taco Time in Port Orchard

Present:

Maureen, Trina, Joanne, Tracy, Janet

Topics:

- Parent Academy 2012
 - Parent Academy Survey
 - Reviewed participant response – it was mostly very positive.
 - People enjoyed the topics covered and the speaker presentations overall.
 - People seemed to think the registration process was simple enough and the admission price was fair.
 - Respondents were mixed in regard to how important it was to have food and coffee available.
 - Participants did purchase items from the event vendor, Marina Games.
 - Survey respondents indicated they would attend a future Parent Academy.
 - Parent Academy 2012 Financial Outcome
 - The event did not break even – it ended up approximately \$160.00 in the red.
 - The group unanimously decided that proceeds from the ACOS Pizza Night fundraiser (\$98.00) should be applied to help make up the deficit.
 - Event Set Up
 - It was agreed that dividing the participants into groups and rotating them between sessions worked very well and helped the event to flow smoothly with just the right length of breaks between sessions.
 - The 8:45 check-in time was adequate for people to get checked in, and the event began within a few minutes of its predicted start time of 9:00 am.
 - The lunchroom and library were good choices for the speakers but the lunchroom folding chairs were uncomfortable.
 - The snack table was beautiful with just about the right amount of goodies. The cinnamon rolls, brownie bites and cookies were widely enjoyed by event attendees; the bagels with cream cheese were not as popular a choice.
 - Group Consensus Regarding Parent Academy 2012
 - The event was very successful.
 - Would like to organize another Parent Academy for 2013.
- Future Parent Academy
 - Maureen will check with SKSD about the possibility of holding another Parent Academy event in 2013.
 - Will consider renaming the next event something that will also appeal to educators.
 - Because the set up of Parent Academy 2012 worked very well, the group agreed that we should keep the breaking apart and rotating of groups between different sessions format for the next event.
 - Possible Topics for Next Academy
 - Music/Arts
 - Science/Math
 - Social/Emotional

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- If the Event Grows
 - o Speakers may need to conduct more sessions.
 - o Might have to change the venue, although Hidden Creek is preferable because it is familiar to event organizers. The group agreed that the number of participants at Parent Academy 2012 did make for a smooth, comfortable experience for participants.
- Possible Topics for Next Academy
 - o Music/Arts
 - o Science/Math
 - o Social/Emotional
- Financing the Future Parent Academy
 - o Will have to charge more for admission; \$15.00 for each individual or two tickets for \$25.00.
 - o Will not print out flyers for Junior High Schools next time; they were not adequately distributed to students, and parents of older kids are less likely to have a keen interest in this type of event.
 - o Need to look into getting copying services donated.
- Date for Future Event
 - o Agreed it would be better to have it earlier in the school year when parent energy and enthusiasm for educational activities is high.
 - o Decided on a tentative date of November 3rd, 2013.
 - o Need to check school district calendar for conflicts.
- Advertising the Next Parent Academy
 - o Will set up a booth at the 2013 "Back to School Celebration." Will advertise ACOS and hand out "ACOS" pencils and pre-register people for Parent Academy 2013. Will need two volunteers to man the booth (possibly Janet and Joanne).
 - o Maureen will try to arrange a robo-call.
 - o Advertise at Book Fairs with posters and possibly handouts.
- Future Event Presenters
 - o Joanne will speak to Bob Cooper about music/arts piece. Will invite him to the next ACOS meeting.
 - o Maureen will speak to her contacts in the social/emotional field.
- Vendors
 - o Invite Marina Games back.
 - o Possibly invite other vendors.
 - o Provide free parent resource handouts.

Future Actions Agreed Upon:

- Maureen will speak to contacts about presenting the social/emotional piece.
- Joanne will speak to Bob Cooper about music/art piece.
- Group will try to come up with potential presenters for the event.
- Group checks calendars for potential conflicts with November 3rd date.

Next meeting:

June 13th, 9:45 am, in the Quest portable of Hidden Creek Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15pm.

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Notes recorded by Janet.

Meeting Follow-up Activity (Email):

- Maureen reports that Larry Davis has offered to donate his speaker fee for Parent Academy 2012. Greg Albertson will consult with cabinet members and give us an answer about holding a future Parent Academy by next week, and if the event is approved, Greg will be able to provide a social/emotional speaker for it. Maureen also contacted a junior high school teacher who is willing to present a science piece.
- Tracy checked the “Ready for Kindergarten” schedule of classes and has determined that they should not conflict with the proposed November 3rd date for next year’s Academy.