

Newport Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Meeting  
September 9, 2008

**Members Present:** Beth Lanning, Joe Poletti, Christina Floyd, Carla Fuller, Barbara Hopkins, Paula McKee, Evelyn Winstead, Jodi Justice, Amelia Covington, Billy Calisterio, Kristal Calisterio

- Function of group includes providing community perspective. This will help in long-range planning.
- Board of Education Parent Advisory Board Meeting (Oct 7, 2008 from 5:00-6:00). The NES Parent Advisory chair is voice of advisory committee for school.
- **Parent Advisory Chair:** Billy Calisterio      **Backup:** Barbara Hopkins
- **First Monday** of Each Month will be advisory meeting date (6:00-7:30)
- **Philosophy of Gold:** Everybody makes growth. Data is your friend. Everyone is positive, focused and directed. Communication with all stakeholders is key. Look forward.
- **Team Teaching** in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades focuses on math.
- **Hawk Center** is a modified in-school learning environment where students can readjust or serve consequences for inappropriate behaviors. Students must do classwork while there. Consequences are progressive in nature. This allows students to stay in school rather than be sent home initially. Hawk Center is also the tardy check-in.
- **Honorable Hawks**—3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade incentive program that is based upon behavior and citizenship. Students earn 2 points per day. 1 point for behavior and 1 point for work ethic. Each quarter, students must make 85% or at least 77 of 90 points to qualify for Honorable Hawks. This is a straightforward method of calculation which students can understand and maintain.
- **Read 180 Program:** Computer-based reading curriculum that serves students who read well below grade level.
- **ClassScapes:** common, periodic formative assessment that is a web-based program. Used for grades 3-5. Already being used for math by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- **Dibels and Palm Pilot Running Records:** formative assessment for K-2
- **Harvest Fest:** great community builder event on Oct 17.

- **PTO:** needs increased participation if it is to become a vital part of school. Principal is first priority in PTO. Bingo last year was well-attended. Goal of three times this year---not as a fundraiser, but as a fun night. Invite one person per grade level to be a part of PTO meetings. Use phone master and marquee to advertise.
- **Other social event options: Math Fun Night, Title 1 Parent Night, picnic social, ice cream social. . .**
- **Grounds Beautification Day.**
  - Scouts Groups
  - 4-H and club groups
  - Civic Groups
  - PTO
- **After school remediation.** Develop a home-grown model. Compensate teachers and fund transportation. Tanglewood Elementary in Lumberton, NC is a model.
- **Drop off and Pick up** are flowing smoothly now. All students are off campus by 3:05 every day.
- **Tour of New Building.**