

Notes from Transition Committee Meeting ~ May 18, 2009

Purpose:

- To advise the school administration of the needs and concerns resulting from the boundary and enrollment changes arising from the opening of Clarksburg ES # 8, specifically addressing the four stakeholder groups: 1) Cedar Grove Staff; 2) Cedar Grove students and families who will stay; 3) Cedar Grove students and families who will attend Clarksburg #8; and 4) incoming students and families.
- To develop and implement supports to all stakeholder groups.

In attendance: Erin Spoales; Krista Romagnoli; Pam Cromwell; Jeanne Spiridopoulos; Nancy Sanders; Azi Kaider; Terri Anderson; Heather Montalto; Cindy Arold; Barbara Rogers; Teresa Cornell; Karina Hirschhorn; Lee Derby

Reflection of the past year: The Committee has been, in the opinion of this writer, extremely productive and has contributed enormously to the positive outcomes we have experienced.

Guidance Lessons. Mrs. Spoales has completed her transition lessons. However, she still sees individual students who come to her and ask her questions about the transition.

Kindergarten Orientation. The Kindergarten Teachers reported that Little Bennett parents attending the recent KOP for the 2009-2010 school year were very positive about Cedar Grove, especially its reputation and smaller enrollment. No negative comments were received. Mrs. Montalto reported that her conversations with other LB parents who attended KOP were also positive and enthusiastic about Cedar Grove.

CGES Brochure. The brochure is complete. The first mailing of the brochure was sent out with the invitation to the Open House/Family picnic on May 22. Copies are available for new registrants on the desk in the main office.

Open House. We will have a one-hour open house on Friday, May 22 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM for new incoming CGES families. Aside from student tours, we will host a CGES Fair in the gym. Following the open house will be the annual PTA family picnic and the book fair in the media center. Invitations were sent out and received. According to a PTA representative, we will have a very good turn out. There was some discussion, however, about having this annual event on a different day next year so Memorial Day Weekend is no longer compromised.

End of the Year Good Bye Celebration. We will present a proposal to our Leadership Team about having a bring-your-own-lunch picnic on Tuesday, June 16, which is the last half-day of school.

We will inquire if those students who usually purchase lunch from the cafeteria will be able to get a bag lunch. Students will be asked to bring beach towels and a bottle of water, as well. The school will provide a cold treat for the students. There will be music.

If it rains, we will revert to having grade levels open their classrooms and students go to their grade level classes of choice for the picnic.

Mrs. Kaider has volunteered to create flyers, which will be available by June 10 for classroom distribution. A digital copy of the flyer will be available on T shared.

Mrs. Moser Morse is designing the cover for an autograph book. Students will be able to circulate during the school-wide picnic lunch to collect autographs. Mrs. Sanders will provide Mrs. Kaider with the materials and Mrs. Kaider and her middle school daughter Sarah will compile the autograph books.

