

School Governance Council

Verplanck Elementary School

March 5, 2013

Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM

Council members present:

- Michael Saimond, principal
- Louise Muzin, teacher
- Barbara Belknap, teacher
- Chelsea Gordon, teacher
- Cindy Woods, teacher
- Lynn Rhodes, teacher
- Ramon Guzman, parent
- Adam Skinner, parent
- Christina Rossetti, parent

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed with one correction. Motion was made by Mrs. Muzin, seconded by Mrs. Gordon to accept the January minutes as corrected. Motion passed 8-0.

Principal's report:

- Mr. Saimond began with a review of the School Climate Committee's "Good News" postcard program. Teachers are sending postcards bearing congratulations and good news to students and their families. Also included in the continuing measures creating a welcoming atmosphere is the updating of the beautiful photographs depicting school life at Verplanck. These photographs will be hung around the building by BOE staff.
- Updating the school security concerns, Mr. Saimond, as a member of the town wide *Task Force for School Safety*, reported on the open but locked inner doors, badges for ALL visitors including substitutes, standardized sign in and out sheets for students and visitors and signage labeling rooms for first responders to locate areas from outside the building.
- The 2012-2013 CMT season has begun with an adjusted schedule allowing for minimal movement during the testing window. All classes will continue to receive specials, lunch and recess.
- Mr. Saimond explained the upcoming SAAM and Jumpstart summer programs.

Old Business:

- Completed School Governance Council by-laws were distributed and review. A motion was made by Mrs. Muzin to accept the by-laws as written, keeping in mind Article X, page 9, if revision is necessary. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Belknap. Motion passed 8-0.

New Business:

- How to address bus circle concerns...

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 9th 5:30 PM Verplanck Media Center

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Rhodes

Secretary