

Elementary & Middle School Committee September 10, 2008

Present: Sally Belgum-Blad, PACT 4; Danette Hendrickson, PACT 4; Cheryl Loge, Litchfield School; Deb Schmitzerle, Kandiyohi County Public Health; Eric Vogel, U of MN Extension; Trish Sheehan, U of MN Extension; Debb Sheehan, PACT 4; Juliane Boraas, Shelter House

Committee Membership:

Debb Sheehan was on hand to discuss membership on the committee and the financial future of PACT 4. How do we keep issues moving forward when financial incentives are no longer available through PACT 4 participation? Networking must be acknowledged as an important motivation for PACT 4 participation but collaboration means something more. Committees should come from the membership and less from PACT 4 staff.

Consider this committee as a work group with a limit on time commitment through the August conference. Limit time commitment to encourage participation.

Things the committee might need in order to proceed with the school connectedness project:

- ? Find a chairperson to be a go-to for the committee's work
- ? Possible subcommittees with subcommittee chairs to coordinate details
 - o Registration
 - o Door prizes
 - o Logistics
 - o Marketing
 - o Food
 - o Etc...

School Parent Liaison Advisory Committee

Sally met with the school-parent liaison advisory committee. The advisory committee is "giddy" about the work the Elementary & Middle School Committee is doing regarding school connectedness.

Danette reported on promotional items for the school connectedness effort - looking at pens, mouse pads & sticky notes for teachers. Question on if we can get materials in each participating school's colors.

Discussion on messages from the Wingspread Declaration and how to get these out to school personnel; distribution after promotional items are out.

October agenda:

Timeline for Blum event

Sally & Eric will coordinate plans to conduct the October meeting via webinar. Details will follow.

Blum event--August 18, 2009

Mission Statement: We will use community resources to support the healthy development of elementary and middle school youth by promoting prevention and early intervention practices.