

The Garden County PAC
November 9, 2009

The Garden County Parent Advisory Council met on November 9, 2009, at 4:30 pm in the Parent Resource center at the elementary. Those present were Teresa Jenkins, Shawn Gardner, Mary DeWitt, and Sharleen Sullivan.

The meeting was called to order by Teresa Jenkins

The first item on the agenda was to show the group the couch that was donated by Bill Olson for our parent resource center. We greatly appreciate his donation.

The next item for discussion was for the group to determine what items we still need in our parent resource center. We decided we needed a coffee pot, hot water pot, packets of hot chocolate, and coffee, toys, and a large plastic tote for some toys to be stored in. We discussed that maybe we just want to move the computer and desk over to the south east corner and hard wire it into the jack so that the computer is operational, since we can not get wireless service in that room.

The group reviewed the bullets in Agenda #6-A Welcoming Place, and felt we covered all of the items. After looking over the survey results from parent-teacher conferences, and finding that 98.8% of our parents felt welcomed in our school systems the group determined that we could be finished with this agenda for now.

We reviewed Agenda #7-Encouraging Parent and Child interaction. We discussed ways that the primary grades do this on a nightly basis. Some have reading logs, some have nightly math facts, some have AR books their children read. Some have worksheets and nightly activities. The group discussed that the jr. high dance was a great way for parent child interaction at the junior high. Mrs. Dewitt was going to see if the jr. high students were even interested in having a dance, and game night again this year. We discussed at the high school that the parents participation at sporting events was one of the best ways to support parent-child interaction. It is much easier to monitor at the elementary level, as parents still have to help with homework at this level and students still read orally through the 2nd or 3rd grade. The group felt our school does a great job at the elementary level in this agenda.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 23rd at 4:30-5:30 pm in the parent resource center at the elementary.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:32pm.