

**Charlevoix Middle School
Breakfast Club Meeting**

January 31, 2007
7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

The mission of Charlevoix Middle School is to help all students attain a positive self-image while growing intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.

NCA Goals: Improve reading, writing, and math problem-solving & computation.

Present: Pam Barnes, Chris Way, Mike Way, Barb Murray, Rachel Noble, Keith Haske, Susan Klooster

MEAP scores from the fall – The MEAP has been moved from the spring to the fall. 3rd through 8th graders took the MEAP. 1-2 score = proficient and 3-4 = needs improvement. Keith handed out a chart showing last year and this year, along with the state average.

NWEA – Computer test that gives immediate results taken three times/year. This is not a mandatory test – schools pay to take and choose specific subjects. Parents in attendance were given the results and asked for feedback. Parents suggested sending the results in graph form along with a cover letter to other parents.

Junior Great Books Program – This program is in conjunction with the public library. Twelve 8th graders take a bus on Wednesdays to the library at 2:15pm for an hour for this enrichment program for good readers. Judith Ivan put together the syllabus – this is similar to a book club.

Budget – Schools are struggling. We will most likely lose staff and programs after this year. The Enrichment Foundation is trying to help. Pam Barnes said they are trying to change from “Enrichment” to “Educational” Foundation so they can accept monetary donations. Keith is on a committee to find alternative energy sources such as a windmill at the high school. Mike Way said there could be an energy-related class for high school students. The high school culinary is offering outside catering as a means to raise money.

Our 7th and 8th grade students will spend a day at Mt. McSauba on February 8th. This has historically been a reward day for students after all testing is done.

Character Ed. – Social Studies classes take time each week to focus on a character trait.

8th grade freshman orientation – Monday, February 5th at 6:30pm at Charlevoix High School for parents and students. Wednesday, February 6th at 8:45am at CAH for student tour of facility. Will be scheduling times soon for individual students to sign up for freshman classes. CHS may not be on block scheduling next year. Trimesters is being looked at for all three schools. It may become necessary to share staff among buildings next year so it will be important for all to be on the same schedule.

Barb Murray mentioned that Chris Sell knows of a certified dance instructor that would like to try an after school dance program for 5th through 8th graders. Hip hop/jazz and tap would be offered. Chris will be contacting Keith with details.

Chris Way spoke to Liz Grunch about starting a 6th grade volleyball program toward the end of March. Will discuss more later.

The next Breakfast Club meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2007. All parents are invited.