

**Charlevoix Middle School
Breakfast Club Meeting**

October 10, 2007

7:45 a.m. – 8:40 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: Keith Haske, Geralyn Doskoch, John McLean, Rebecca Parker, Angie Way, Gaye Hodge, Barb Murray, Allison Joseph, Julie Waterman, Sharron Schwein, Susan Klooster

Curriculum-GLECs – Grade level content expectations K-8. Keith had a hand out for parents and explained curriculum expectations across the state. 9-12 is called Huskies and is not by grade, but subject.

School Improvement-Reading and Writing – Parents were given another handout to look at. This is our fifth year working on making connections in all content level classes. Keith explained the different types of writing. All teaching staff has been trained.

Character Education – Parents were shown an example of the different books available for use each month. Stories lead to discussions. Works well with different learning styles. This program is funded by Manthei's partnered with St. Mary's.

MEAP testing – Testing started this week and will run through next week. There is a lot of writing rather than bubble answers on the new tests.

Parent conferences – Student-led conferences will be held on Oct. 18 with teachers available to speak to any parents who approach them. Conferences are being held at the mid-way point rather than the end of the first marking period this year.

SWOT – Surveys were given to staff as well as the community asking about the school's strengths, weaknesses, and threats. There is a committee forming to respond to the information on these surveys.

Central Office – C.O. is moving to the basement of Citizens Bank temporarily. A new office is projected to be built beside the middle school building across from Eye Health.

Parent input –

- Questions were asked about the Washington DC trip and fundraising.
- Are students getting work papers back to view and take home for parents?
- We need to make sure Centerpoint instructions are sent home to 5th grade parents at the beginning of each school year. It would be nice to include a visual on how it looks.
- Parents wondered about kids being challenged that need it. Teachers are being trained in differentiated learning – unfortunately, it is a slow process.
- Parents suggested a packet for incoming 5th grade parents explaining what happens during the school year in each classroom; how discipline is handled, grades, rules, etc.

The next Breakfast Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 at 7:45 a.m.