

## BLT Meeting Notes for 10/13/09

### Present:

Marcia Dillon

Tom Baisden

Marlene Friend

Zoe Levenson

Anne Johnson

Lisa Woodside

Alison Krupnick

Rachel Hart Rios

Allison Bergstrom

Kathy Ablott

Cyndi Worthington

**Family Engagement Plan:** Dan Barkley's wife forwarded her schools' plan for us to look at. Anne has to create an 80 page plan for Adams as per SPS rules. Blt will plan. Anne would like suggestions emailed to her.

**Theme: Caring:** Caring will be the ongoing theme this year. Alison K said the PTA is offering the flu shot at the potluck. Also, the Brazilian Martial Artists will be performing at the potluck. There will be a student council mtg on Oct. 22. The theme of caring will be discussed and the council will think of ways the students can carry it out. Marlene states that her reading groups will be doing a food/clothing drive. The theme of caring also brought up as per the lunchroom and

taking a more positive approach to managing it. Penny Harvest will begin next week.

**Composting:** Alison K states that, like last year, there will be composting at the intl potluck. Betsy Rufus (sp?) will head this. There is an ongoing effort to get composting going but the system is very bureaucratic and it is not cost effective. The district won't pay until it can be proved it is cost effective.

**ALO:** How this is articulated varies from class to class. Questions about standardization were asked. Anne believes there will be new guidelines coming with the new student assignment plan to make all schools the same.

**Curriculum Night:** Rachel Rios would like it better if the format was more formal and informational. Also, no children.

**Math Night:** Alison K. says parents are having a hard time with the way EDM is implemented. She would like to see family letters going home and would like more parent support from teachers. Marlene states that it was difficult even before EDM. Alison states that the EDM website is not user friendly. Rachel suggests having Math Night every couple of months. Anne suggests having our math specialist look into this and also having the letters home translated. Anne asked if there is more parent help needed for Writer's Workshop. Anne will include info both Math and WW in her next principal's letter.