

**PARENT FORUM
MARCH 18, 2008**

In Attendance:

Sophie Tellier
Jean Ryer
Tammy Trefrey
Dennis Bickford
Connie Bickford
Coleen McDermott
Donna Findlay
Lucy Gustafson
Carol Swedberg
Lisa Merrill, Steve Merrill
Patricia White
Lindsey White
Arthur Karageorges

- Spirit
- How can we get kids to feel comfortable in passing along what they know
Cameras in the cafeteria?
- Starting younger
- Positive behavior supports → Video games
GuitarHero Kids
Game night
Positive postcards to parents
- Student Voice responses → would like to see them (will bring copies to next meeting)
- Need to empower teachers, aides, coaches and teach them about how they talk affects kids
- Behavioral issues have been resolved “We are almost normal now”
- How do we rise above normal?
- No consistent daily adult that they connect with → >> homeroom?
Advisory?
- Drug test the athletes
- School spirit – How can we increase it?
Sports banquet poorly attended

- Lunch discussions
- Student Voice as a mandatory course
- Post Secret Books – leave blank postcards addressed to me
- Athletic program –
 - Coaches that kids are terrified of
 - Concerned of the philosophy and energy in the coaching
 - Make sure that sports remain a way for kids to be connected
 - Coaches that care
 - → If you are going away on April vacation, don't sign up
 - Practice 6 days a week
 - “Organized bullying”
 - “It's not fun anymore” winning, pressure, scheduling
 - Nothing for the kids in between youth league and HS to have fun & exercise
 - Youth teams could be more effective in planning a transition
 - Youth leagues stop when kids need them the most
- Behavior in the hall is intimidating
- Climate is out of control
- Have kids get here and go straight to homeroom or A block
- Do something like the Sandwich Shop here in Meredith
- Issues for school board
 - Field Trips
 - Budget