

## NGFA Meeting

2/17/16 Present: Laurie Poll, Margie Guerriero, Jennifer Agar, and Kim Rosenau

### 1. Staff Presentation: Maggie DeYoung 3rd-5th Grade CI (Cognitive Impairment) Categorical Teacher

---New Groningen is the only elementary school that has a CI categorical program. The other schools offer special education services, as does New Groningen.

---Children with Cognitive Impairments function 2 or more grades below their peers academically. These children often need modifications to assist them with academics. For example, the 5th Grade Wax Museum project is modified and adapted so students can actively participate.

---These students are with the general education population for about half of their day.

---The 2 categorical classrooms (K-2) and (3-5) focus on core academic instruction (reading, math, and writing), as well as various life skills. Current Events are taught through News 2 You. Cooking and social skills are taught.

---A variety of services are provided, including speech/language, occupational therapy, and social work.

---A program called Peer to Peer Links is used to intentionally teach social skills. A lunch buddy program takes place every Monday and Thursday in the 4th and 5th grades.

---Field trips offer unique experiences. For example, students went to Pizza Hut and learned how the restaurant operates. Recently, students visited City on a Hill's Cafe 58. Now, New Groningen and Cafe 58 are setting up business together!!! Students will run a coffee/bakery cart for the teachers at school, using products made at Cafe 58. This will offer real life job skills, while providing a nice perk to our amazing staff!

### 2. Carnival Review

---This was the first year we were short on volunteers.

---This was the best clean up ever!

---Donation amounts were fine for cake walk and water.

---\$5,801.25 is what we took in

---\$3,423.83 is what we spent

---Profit was \$2,377.42

---Hungry Howies raised their prices (almost \$1 more a pizza).

---Fun Services was \$40 more

---We had to buy some Capri Suns.

---The I-Pad was \$222.00

---We didn't have as many donations this year for the theme baskets.

### 3. Chocolate Fundraiser

---\$3,466 was the first deposit.

---\$13,530 was our bill

---March 7 is the last day for prizes.

---There were incorrect dates in the newsletter.

---We have to make sure that people are not swapping out candy bars from full cases.

---We can sell back boxes that are not opened.

---Pancakes R Us is the local charity that will receive 10% of our profits. They serve a free breakfast every Saturday morning. They operate out of Western Seminary.

---Kim Rosenau plans to contact Pancakes R Us to get a list of what they need and find out if the kids can shop for items at Aldi's. She will also find out if our donation would be better via a check or gift card.

#### 4. March Impact

---The district wants all buildings working with "Be Nice"

---We will focus on service in our school, in our community, and in our world.

5. Orange Leaf in Holland hosts a school challenge. Last year we made it through Round 2. We will get details on this soon.

#### 6. Parent to Parent Meeting through Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD):

Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 7-9 at the OAISD Educational Services Building...this will focus on collaboration between home and school. It is open to the community. You can contact the OAISD for details.