

**Mary E. Baker School
School Improvement Council
October 8, 2009**

Minutes

The meeting was held in the Mary E. Baker Conference Room at 6:00 P.M. Present were Council Members: Principal Donna Haymes; Teacher Representatives: Paul Anderson and Janice Carrel; Parent Representatives: Beth Neal, Benilde Vasconcelos, and Kelly Sinkewicz and Community Representative Denise Baker-Bradley. Mrs. Haymes read a "Unity" poem and then welcomed and introduced each of the council members.

Many initiatives at the Baker School were explained: the Baker Pledge, Baker Buddies, Baker Bravo and Good Citizen. Mrs. Haymes discussed The Walk to Wellness Program and See the Math? Through these programs, Mrs. Haymes encourages children to make connections between what they are learning in school and the real world.

Paul Anderson described the Green Legacy Grant started last year. Its goal is to educate staff and students about what makes the Baker School a green school. At this point, students and staff recycle paper. Kelly Sinkewicz suggested that perhaps we should also recycle water bottles and cans in the future.

HINI: Flu shots will be offered at different schools. More information will follow.

Project EarthView is coming to our school October 23 for grades 4 and 5. The PAC contributed \$300 to fund this program.

6+1 Writing Program is an exciting new program built into the Scott Foresman reading program. It includes. ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency and conventions.

School News is included in the packet: Constitution Day Activities, Kindergarten Classroom News, Bingo for Books, Superintendents PAC Meeting, Parent's Academy, Recipes for Success, Box Tops and Trifold-preK-5.

Title I Breakfast was a huge success. Two breakfasts were held: one for Grades K-2 and the other for Grades 3-5. More than 100 people attended each breakfast.

Welcome Back Dance was a great success. About 400 people attended

Parent Conference forms went home yesterday. Mrs. Haymes said she would try to honor parent's requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Carrel