

GRE Advisory Team Minutes

August 26, 2009

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
6 Parents and 1 Staff Member (See Attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

CSAP Data - Results from the 2008-2009 testing year and previous years data (trend data) were presented. Last year scores and trend data indicate that Math in general, and in the 3rd Grade in particular, needs attention, as does 4th Grade Reading and Writing. On the positive side, 5th and 6th Grade scored very well in Reading, Writing, and Math last year. 6th Grade scores are consistently high every year. Overall, Growth and Achievement data are positive.

It was requested that student CSAP scores be distributed in sealed envelopes to allow parents to help their children interpret the data and prevent misconceptions by the students.

Response to Intervention – The goal of the RtI program is to identify those students needing additional instruction or enhancements to meet their full potential by analyzing all the data available from various testing performed throughout the year and collaboration amongst the staff to apply the right intervention needed. GRE has scheduled a 40 minute Intervention Block each day to provide additional support without impacting core instruction in the classroom. All other students will be engaged in independent reading/writing activities during this time. A District RtI video was presented.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

No committee reports were provided this month as the committees are still being formed.

Old Business:

Playground use After School – The same policy as last year is in effect. Students with adult supervision will be allowed on the playground 10 minute after school ends, and must clear the playground (for insurance reasons) for the After School Care program at approximately 4:00 pm.

Peanut Allergies – The school menu has been changed - PBJ Uncrustable is no longer offered.

New Business:

Advisory Team Minutes – Minutes will now be available via the school website and will no longer be printed for distribution at the meetings. Every effort will be made to post the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting.

Monthly Newsletter – Parents should have received notification that the school newsletter was available via the school messenger service. Parents can change preferences on how to receive school communications via the school website. Parents who do not have internet access can pick up a hard copy of the newsletter from the office.

H1N1 Virus – Discussions are being held with the staff, and refocusing of custodian priorities is being considered. Students will be encouraged to wash hands after lunch (hand wipes are still being used before lunch). It was suggested that the sharing of classroom supplies, such as pencils, be suspended to help prevent the spread of the virus. It was also suggested that parents be allowed to help wipe down desks and other areas. These suggestions will be considered.

Open Forum: None.

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Attendance List

Richard Schaef	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal

Kathy Dodrill	Staff
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Kim Bearden	Parent
Pat Byron	Parent
Heidi O'Leary	Parent
Marnie O'Connor	Parent
Lori Lynn Redmon	Parent
Valerie Sturm	Parent

GRE Advisory Team Minutes September 23, 2009

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
4 Parents and 5 Staff Member (See Attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

Budget Process – Mr. Morton explained the school budgeting process. GRE receives operational funding from the State based on the number of students counted on October 1 each year (with some exceptions). These funds are allocated among various categories in the General Instruction and Administrative Funds based on previous years expenditures. [A Campus Activity Fund also exists to accumulate and disburse funds generated by specific groups for a specific purpose.] Future fund allocation plans include per pupil allocations by Grade and allowing more budgetary control to the grade level staff.

CSAP Score – Student reports are received and will be distributed at Parent-Teacher Conferences so that the Achievement and the new Growth data elements can be explained.

Welcoming Environment Survey – This survey will be conducted electronically later this year in hopes of soliciting more responses. Input for additional survey elements is requested.

DIBELS /Acuity Tests – Mr. Morton explained the purpose of these tests. DIBELS is given to students in Grades K-3 to measure reading readiness and fluency. Acuity, a computer based test given to students in Grades 3-10, is a predictor of CSAP scores. Both types of tests are given three times a year with the results used by the staff to evaluate student capabilities and measure intervention usefulness.

Response to Intervention – GRE's RtI program is starting to operate. The staff recently used DIBELS test results to assess which students could benefit from additional instruction and is now providing that instruction.

Raccoon Run – Currently, funds raised support GRE's technology improvements. Since Gary Anderson solely operates the event, it was decided that starting in 2010, 20% of the funds collected from the Raccoon Run (up to \$2,000) will be diverted to a PE Fund for use in advancing physical education at GRE. The community will be notified before next year's event.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

Technology – Surveying technology uses and needs by grade level; determining best use and placement of Smartboards; and continuing to update and educate the staff.

Curriculum – Literacy – Initiated systemic verbiage for school use consistent with CSAP verbiage to reduce student confusion of various words and phrases; and is supporting grades in implementing the Writer's Workshop program.

Curriculum – Math – Implementing the ORIGO Project as part of math interventions.

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) – Assessing PBS fit with RtI. Implementing Cafeteria behavior goals and rewards (Friday music in cafeteria) program. Continuing use of Respect Slips with classroom rewards this year. Assessing the feasibility of a "Check In/Check Out" program for students needing additional behavior support.

Old Business:

H1N1 Virus – GRE has one confirmed case of this virus. The custodial staff now routinely disinfects desks and common area tables. Students are reminded to wash hands regularly. A "Should My Child Stay Home From School" questionnaire is posted on the GRE website and will be distributed with the Principal's newsletter to educate parents when to keep sick students home. Staff discussions are in process to consider the impact of extended staff/student absences.

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Parents are asked to inform the school if students have flu like symptoms as such information is reported by the District to Jefferson County.

Playground use After School – This agenda item was closed as a policy has been established and in effect for several months. Further discussion can be heard during Open Forum, if necessary.

Peanut Allergies – This agenda item was closed as steps were taken in the cafeteria to minimize peanut exposure to those students with allergies (i.e. a “No Peanut” table has been created and peanut products are no longer served). While additional measures will be introduced, further discussion can be heard during Open Forum, if necessary.

New Business: None. [Agenda items moved to Open Forum]

Open Forum:

Library Box Tops for Education – Mr. Schaef opened discussion of GRE’s participation in the Box Tops for Education Program. Funds collected at GRE support the Library. Approximately \$500 was raised last year. To raise awareness and generate additional funds, the Advisory Team recommended that the GRE Website include information on this program and discussion be included in the Principal’s newsletter.

Student Council Aluminum Can – Recycle Program – Mr. Schaef opened discussion of the Student Council Recycle Program. The Recycle Program is supported by collecting aluminum cans. Program operating costs are approximately \$70/month. Aluminum can collections netted about \$100 last year. This year, aluminum cans will be collected in the trailer located in the parking lot during the first weekend of each month (between Friday and Monday). To raise awareness and generate additional funds, the Advisory Team recommended that the GRE Website include information on this program and discussion be included in the Principal’s newsletter.

Parents as Literacy Support (PALS) – Mr. Schaef opened discussion of the PALS Program. PALS solicits adult volunteers to assist students identified as needing support in reading. Amy Warthen is the parent volunteer heading this program. She has indicated that more students can be accommodated under this program.

Attendance List

Richard Schaef	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal

Shannon Arnold	Staff
Kathy Dodrill	Staff
Laurie Dalesio	Staff
Katrina Martin	Staff
Brad Minich	Staff

Kim Bearden	Parent
Pat Byron	Parent
Heidi O’Leary	Parent
Valerie Sturm	Parent/PTA

GRE Advisory Team Minutes
October 28, 2009 (Cancelled Due to Snow Storm)
Rescheduled to November 5, 2009

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
4 Parents and 1 Staff Member (See Attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

2008-2009 Accreditation Report – Accreditation processes evaluate three elements:

- Student Achievement and Growth (including assessment of “Gaps” among various groups of students)
- Attendance and Academic Indicators
- School Climate and Community

The details of each element were presented and discussed. Based on these scores, GRE has maintained its “Accredited” status.

District Facilities Usage Proposals and Community Forums – The District convened a Facilities Usage Committee to assess efficient District facilities usage. The committee identified several options for better facilities usage, some of which affect the GRE community. These options (listed below) were reviewed and discussed.

- Move Ken Caryl Middle School students to Deer Creek Middle School.
- Move Governor's Ranch Elementary School to the Dakota Ridge High School articulation area.

Several community forums will be held to obtain feedback before final recommendations are made to the Board of Education (check the GRE Newsletter for more info). It was mentioned that a community meeting was scheduled at the Governor's Ranch HOA club house to organize opposition to realigning GRE with Dakota Ridge High School.

Raccoon Run Results – Net income from the event was over \$11,000. No decisions have been made regarding expenditures.

School Level Budget Workgroup – Every school in the District is to organize a committee to provide feedback on District budget cutting proposals. Pat Byron, Lori Lynn Redmon, and Richard Schaef volunteered to represent GRE's parent community. Kathy Dodrill volunteered on behalf of the staff. Mr. Morton will solicit additional staff volunteers. All will meet on December 1, 2009 after school to evaluate the budget reduction alternatives.

JCEA Petition – The Colorado state government is expected to propose cutting state funding to public schools. The Jeffco teachers union claims that such a move would violate State Amendment 23 which requires education funding to increase every year by at least the rate of inflation. Therefore, JCEA is soliciting petition signatures, asking the state legislature to honor Amendment 23. This petition can be found in the school's main office.

Snow Days Makeup – Due to the two “snow days” used last month, Jeffco schools will utilize the two scheduled “Make Up Days” on June 1 and 2, 2010. The last day of school is now June 2,

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2010. 6th Grade Continuation and other events will be rescheduled. Additional “Make Up Days” will be determined should further school closures be necessary.

Make Your Voice Heard Survey – The District survey (conducted every two years) has been received and will be given to the students between November 30 and December 11, 2009. Results will be used in establishing future Accountability goals.

2010-2011 District Calendar – The calendar for the next school year was released. It includes four “Early Release” days (GRE may add 2 – 3 additional “Early Release” days). Some important dates:

08/20/2010 – Student Assessment Day
08/23/2010 – First Full Day of School
11/24/2010 – 11/26/2010 – Thanksgiving Break
12/20/2010 – 01/04/2011 – Winter Break
03/28/2011 – 04/04/2011 – Spring Break
05/27/2011 – Last Day of School

The District calendar for 2011-2012 was also released and includes similar important dates.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

None - Staff Committees did not meet this month due to the snow storm.

Old Business:

H1N1 Virus – Student absentee information was provided. Student absences (and students absent with flu related symptoms) increased significantly during early and mid-October, but reduced back to normal levels by the end of October. GRE does have a group of volunteer parents that disinfect areas of the school each week in hopes to reduce the spreading of illness.

New Business: None.

Open Forum:

Columbine Articulation Area Accountability Meeting – Mr. Schaeff provided information on the meeting held October 12, 2009. The meeting included reports from each school in the articulation area and an introduction to the Jeffco Six Year Graduation Plan/College in Colorado program (information can be obtained from the Jeffco website).

Attendance List

Richard Schaeff	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal
Kathy Dodrill	Staff
Pat Byron	Parent
Lori Lynn Redmon	Parent
Tom Stipp	Parent/PTA
Valerie Sturm	Parent/PTA

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December 2, 2009

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
3 Parents and 5 Staff Member (See Attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

Library Media Center – Mr. Morton detailed the Presentation Center capabilities. The Center includes a Smartboard Screen, Desktop Computer, Document Camera, Webcam, In-Ceiling Speakers, DVD Player, VCR, TV Tuner, and can accommodate a Laptop Computer. Within this Center, the staff can conduct presentations and engage in web conferences, utilizing any and all of the equipment simultaneously.

School Level Budget Workgroup Meeting – Every school in the District was to organize a committee to provide feedback on District budget reduction proposals. GRE's workgroup (consisting of the principal, teachers, support staff, and parents) met on December 1, 2009. The task was to select from a menu of District provided options or suggest other options to reduce the District budget for one year and two year periods. GRE's workgroup submitted recommendations which focused on reducing elements that do not directly impact the classroom.

Discussion of District Facilities Usage Proposals and Community Forums – Four community forums were held and the information gathered is now being processed and prioritized by the Facilities Usage Committee. The Committee decided how to proceed with several items, and will recommended closing Ken Caryl Middle School. Several other items have been identified as needing further discussion, including the proposal to align GRE with Dakota Ridge High School. Once all items are finalized the Committee will submit its recommendations to the Board of Education, which will make the final decisions (possibly in January 2010). Three of the five Board of Education members attended a separate community meeting at Ken Caryl Middle School on December 1, 2009 to hear concerns about closing the school.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

Technology – Raccoon run funds will be used to purchase five laptop computers to complete the stocking of the "Blue" (third) computer cart. Options being discussed include a DIBELS scoring program, sound system for the music program, and additional laptops. Other factors being considered include issues surrounding the mounting of Smartboards in select classrooms, results from the staff usage survey, the aging Computer Lab equipment, and discovery that Mac computers will not work with the school's new network system.

Curriculum – Literacy – All grades have completed scoring the writing samples collected under the Writing Rubrics Assessment. The committee has established a goal to build school-wide writing and language consistencies (page heading designs, identifying upper and lower case letters) by producing "common language" posters.

Curriculum – Math – Decided to purchase the ORIGO math curriculum with stimulus money and is currently determining uses.

Positive Behavior Support – Piloting the Check In-Check Out (CICO) behavior support system and re-examining criteria for student selection to the program. Brainstorming ideas to lower the noise level in the cafeteria (developing consistent expectations among grades and guardians,

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redesigning flow patterns into and out of the cafeteria, re-evaluating use of Friday music goal).
Noted that most behavior issues occur during recess and are considering development of a “steps to conflict mediation path” that will assist students in resolving issues.

Old Business:

H1N1 Virus – No reportable events. Student absences remain at normal levels.

New Business: None.

Open Forum: None.

Attendance List

Richard Schaefer	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal/PTA
Kathy Dodrill	Staff/PTA
Debbie Kotas	Staff
Cathy Price	Staff/PTA
Megan Rome	Staff/PTA
Gail Walls	Staff/PTA
Heidi O’Leary	Parent/PTA
Lori Lynn Redmon	Parent
Valerie Sturm	Parent/PTA

GRE Advisory Team Minutes January 13, 2010

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
3 Parents and 4 Staff Member (See Attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

Facilities Usage Recommendations – The Jefferson County Board of Education has decided not to motion a vote on closing Ken Caryl Middle School at their next meeting – the school will remain open. Also they have decided that GRE will stay in its current articulation area with Columbine High School.

PTA Donation – The GRE PTA donated \$48,000 to the school to purchase and mount Projectors and Document Cameras in every classroom (excluding the trailers). This will allow GRE to utilize technology funds received from the District to replace the 28 Mac computers in the Computer Lab with 30 new Dell Desktop Computers by year end. GRE will also be able to start replacing the 60 Student Laptop Computers (15 computers on 4 carts) at the rate of 20 per year.

Criterion Writing Program – One 5th Grade and one 6th Grade class are piloting this web based writing program. The program analyzes word choice/usage and allows teachers to review student writings and provide feedback during the writing process. If this program is found useful, it may be expanded next year with the \$12 per pupil subscription becoming a Student Fee. Computer availability and other logistics will need to be assessed.

Spelling Bee – Students in the 4th through 6th Grades will be competing in a Spelling Bee on January 22, 2010. The top two students will compete in the Columbine Area Spelling Bee (hosted by GRE) against other students from schools in the articulation area on January 28, 2010. The winner of that event will attend the State Spelling Bee contest.

6th Grade Continuation – Due to the inclement weather that cancelled two days of school earlier this year, 6th Grade Continuation will be held on June 1, 2010.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

Curriculum – Literacy – Continuing work on building school-wide writing and language consistencies and have identified several items that will be considered for inclusion.

Curriculum – Math – Evaluating how the staff is using the ORIGO math curriculum and assessing how it aligns and can be used a resource with the Math Interventions program.

Technology – Educating the staff on technology uses and websites available for classroom use. Proposing to make a short presentation during the staff development day on February 12, 2010.

Positive Behavior Support – Continuing to monitor lunchroom behavior. Will rotate the first class allowed into lunch room (instead of allowing the quietest class in first). Have established a “smiley face” behavior chart in the lunch room – 3 smiley faces earned during the week allows for Friday music. Also, consistently disruptive students will now be sent to the office. The committee is encouraging respect slip usage and classroom rewards/recognition as well promoting their intrinsic value to the students. A conflict resolution “peace” path has been designed and the Boy Scouts have agreed to paint it on one of the sidewalks near the playground.

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The committee is also considering using older students as path guides/goodwill ambassadors and instructing parent/volunteers in its use. Developing Check In-Check Out (CICO) guidelines which consider student traits for selection to the program. Considering a year-end “Walk and Roll” reward for students with no behavior referrals.

Old Business:

H1N1 Virus – No reportable events. Student absences remain at normal levels.

New Business: None.

Open Forum: None.

Attendance List

Richard Schaefer	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal/PTA
Candace Ballantyne	Staff/PTA
Kathy Dodrill	Staff/PTA
Tammy Frainier	Staff/PTA
Cathy Price	Staff/PTA
Pat Byron	Parent
Kimberly Crouch-Wong	Parent/PTA
Heidi O’Leary	Parent/PTA

GRE Advisory Team Minutes February 24, 2010

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
3 Parents and 5 Staff Member (see attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

School Improvement Plan – GRE's School Improvement Plan for the 2010-2011 school year was presented in detail. The plan, used by the District in the accreditation process, consists of four parts: 1) State Mandated Measures (based on CSAP scores), 2) Attendance and Academic Indicators, 3) Climate and Community Involvement, and 4) Urgent Challenges Action Plans. In conjunction with the plan, discussion of the Welcoming Environment Survey, Health and Wellness Goals, and the reading and math Urgent Challenges followed.

Staffing – GRE will lose one 5th Grade teacher position next year. To better accommodate class sizes, GRE has decided to create a 5th-6th Grade Team. Although the details are still being finalized, it has been decided that Mr. Varney will teach Math to all of the students, while two teachers will be primarily responsible for 5th Grade instruction and two teachers will be primarily responsible for 6th Grade instruction, with a class rotations schedule. Further staffing impact from budgets reductions are not known.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

Curriculum – Literacy – Surveying input on systemic verbiage and considering purchasing figurative language charts.

Curriculum – Math – While intermediate grades are preparing for Math CSAP tests, the ORIGO and Investigations Math program assessments have been put on hold. Staff is training on use of these programs.

Technology – Held sharing sessions during the recent staff development day to provide instruction on various technology uses. Assessed VCR/DVD equipment as all TVs will be removed from classrooms with the installation of projectors. 30 desktop computers are being installed in the Computer Lab which should be ready for use before Spring Break.

Positive Behavior Support – The Check In-Check Out (CICO) program (a behavior modification program) is working well for the initial students and is preparing to accept additional students. A staff member donated \$500 for gifts to recognize good behavior in the cafeteria. The Peace Path is ready to be painted – it will be located on the sidewalk near the USA Map. Also, training staff on 1-2-3 Contract program (a behavior modification program).

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

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Open Forum:

Parking Lot Safety – It was recommended that a paragraph on driver behavior before and after school be include in the next GRE Newsletter. Several parents are parking in designated “No Parking” areas along Field Street and making U-turns in front of the school. This behavior creates traffic hazards, as it is difficult to see around those cars while exiting the parking lot, and puts student safety as risk.

Attendance List

Richard Schaef	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal/PTA
Kathy Dodrill	Staff/PTA
Bea Doyle	Staff
Sandy Henson	Staff
Sandra Meyer	Staff
Susie Rogers	Staff
Pat Byron	Parent
Kimberly Crouch-Wong	Parent/PTA
Heidi O’Leary	Parent/PTA

GRE Advisory Team Minutes

April 28, 2010

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
2 Parents and 5 Staff Member (see attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

A Day Without Hate – Friday, April 30, 2010 - GRE will again participate in this annual recognition of acceptance and tolerance. All are asked to wear white as a sign of peace and solidarity. The Student Council has created posters and challenges for the day. GRE will also hold its sidewalk chalk competition on this day. Although it was planned to be unveiled in conjunction with A Day Without Hate, the Peace Path could not be completed due to poor weather conditions. Mr. Morton thanked the Schaef family for donating funds to cover the cost of supplies to create the Peace Path.

Calendar of Events

- May 3, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting
- May 7, 2010 @ 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. Field Day for Grades K - 2
- May 12, 2010 @ 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent University – Summertime Reading
- May 14, 2010 @ 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. Field Day for Grades 3 - 5
- May 18, 2010 @ 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. GRE Volunteer Appreciation Reception
- May 20, 2010 @ 2:45 - 5:00 p.m. GRE Library Book Sale open to the public
- May 21, 2010 @ 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. Field Day for Grade 6
- May 26, 2010 Senior Breakfast for GRE Alumni
- June 1, 2010 6th Grade Last Day of School/Pool Party
- June 2, 2010 Last Day of School (12:30 p.m. early dismissal)

Make Your Voice Heard Survey – GRE results from this biennial Jeffco student survey were presented in detail along with trend data from the prior two surveys.

Destination Imagination – Mr. Morton congratulated Kimberly Crouch-Wong and her “Hot Tamales” team for advancing to the Global Competition to be held at the end of May in Knoxville, Tennessee.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

Curriculum - Literacy – Working on “writing” posters to promote systemic verbiage and administering writing prompts this week.

Curriculum - Math – Working on Interventions program and assessing best strategies.

Technology – 15 laptop computers and a cart will be purchased. Next year, carts will be maintained in each Pod and one in the Library.

Positive Behavior Support – The Check In-Check Out (CICO) program has been expanded. The Cafeteria Rewards Program has improved behavior in the cafeteria. The Peace Path is under construction and when it is finished, the plan is to initially use Student Council members to guide other students through the steps. Plans are being formulated for staff training in the 1-2-3 Contract Behavior Management Technique and to address bullying behavior with a Steps to Respect Curriculum.

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Old Business: None.

New Business:

Chairperson Selection – Anyone interested in the Advisory Team Chairperson position should contact Mr. Schaef or Mr. Morton. Mr. Schaef expressed his interest in continuing as the Chairperson – those in attendance approved of his selection. Pending notification from other interested individuals, an announcement will be made at the next meeting.

Open Forum: None.

Attendance List

Richard Schaef	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal
Kathy Dodrill	Staff
Sara Gill	Staff
Debbie Kotas	Staff
Megan Rome	Staff
Gail Walls	Staff
Kimberly Crouch-Wong	Parent
Evvy Purdy	Parent

GRE Advisory Team Minutes May 26, 2010

Attendance: Richard Schaef, Chairperson, Will Morton, Principal
1 Parent and 2 Staff Member (see attached Attendance List)

Principal's Report:

Staffing Update

- Office Secretary – Debbi Munson, Office Secretary, will retire at year end. She will be replaced by Susan Dyroff, currently a secretary at Chatfield High School.
- 5th Grade – GRE will lose one 5th grade teaching position.
- Kindergarten – Current enrollment is lower than usual and it is anticipated that GRE will offer one full-day and one half-day class for next year.

CSAP Scores – Results from the 3rd Grade reading tests have been returned. GRE students did very well with 84 percent scoring “Proficient” or “Advanced”.

Graffiti – The front wall of the school building was spray painted on May 25, 2010. A police report was filed. The wall was power washed and treated with chemicals and more power washing may take place.

GRE Staff Committee Reports:

Positive Behavior Support – Two anti-bullying programs will be implemented next year with all classes receiving 30 minute lessons each week. The Second Step program will be directed toward Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and the Steps to Respect program will be directed toward all grades. A Connect –the-Dots Assembly is being considered, but this program is very expensive. The committee is also planning on opening a student store for one hour a day where items can be purchased with Respect Slips – a suggestion was made to include non-material items in the store such as extra recess time, or permission to help in the library. Plans for next year include a discipline committee to develop guidelines for consequences of poor behavior, and a Citizen of the Year Award to be presented to students exhibiting respectful behavior.

Curriculum - Literacy –Pursuing enrollment in the Regie Routman-in-Residence professional development for teachers program.

Curriculum - Math – None.

Technology – None.

Open Forum:

Acuity Data – Kathy Dodrill presented some data details from the last round of Acuity Testing. Testing data provides information on student and class knowledge which allows for targeted instruction. Test data also proves to be a good indicator of student CSAP performance.

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2010 – 2011 Calendar – Mr. Morton presented the school calendar for next year and highlighted some important upcoming dates, including:

- August 9-10, 2010 - Registration
- August 19, 2010 – Meet and Greet Night
- August 20 and 27, 2010 – Modified Student Assessment Days
(1/2 of students attend each day)
- August 23, 2010 – First Day of School
- August 26, 2010 – Curriculum Night

Class Lists – To reduce some of the stress that comes with starting school, class lists will be distributed with report cards at year-end. Though some changes may occur, the lists will remain unchanged for the most part.

5th and 6th Grades – Will not combine into a single team as previously planned. Instead, there will be two 5th Grade classes and three 6th Grade classes.

Parent University – It is anticipated that three programs will be presented next year (Investigations Math, Love and Logic, Summer Reading)

Future CSAP Testing – CSAP tests will be changed in the 2012-2013 school year with revised standards and assessment criteria. The tests could become an online test taken multiple times during the year like the current Acuity Tests.

Parent Meeting – Mr. Morton met with several parents on May 20, 2010 who wanted to express their concerns regarding student behavior issues. After providing some behavior statistics for this year, discussion focused on improving communication, and developing helpful tools such as: guidelines for volunteers, a discipline matrix, recognition of good behavior students, and general school climate and culture.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Chairperson Selection – Mr. Schaefer will continue as the Chairperson of the Advisory Team for the next school year.

Attendance List

Richard Schaefer	Chairperson
Will Morton	Principal
Kathy Dodrill	Staff
Sarah Clark	Staff
Evvy Purdy	Parent