**New Highland Elementary**

**Site Based Decision Making Council Meeting**

**April 19, 2012**

The New Highland Site Based Decision Making Council met on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 2:34 p.m. in Mr. Thomas’s office.

**Members present included:**  Monica O’Donnell, Georgia Gordon, J.D. Duncan, Claudia Wilburn, and Mark Thomas.

**Members absent:** Karen Drake

**Agenda:** Mr. Thomas reviewed the agenda with the council.

**Visitors present:**  none

**Minutes Review:** The minutes of the monthly meeting in March were reviewed. Georgia Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes and Monica O’Donnell seconded it.

**Old Business:**

**Technology:** One to one technology accumulation and training for staff is moving along with great results so far.

**New Business:**

**Amended Minutes:** The amended minutes of the monthly meeting in February were reviewed for reapproval. Georgia Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes and J.D. Duncan seconded it.

**SBDM Elections:** SBDM elections for new teacher representatives will be conducted once a certified election chairperson is appointed at the next faculty meeting.

**Student Achievement/Success Stories:** The fifth grade held their annual D.A.R.E. Ceremony on April 18 with many distinguished guests who included, Radcliff Mayor JJ Duvall, Radcliff Chief of Police, Officer Bryce Shumate and his father Dr. Shumate. The News Enterprise wrote an article praising the students and the program. A teacher from each class had a student read their D.A.R. E. reports at the ceremony; Erica McClain was singled out as creating a very informative article. She was interviewed by the newspaper and is mentioned in the article. The D.A.R.E. program is sponsored by the Radcliff Police Department and helps students make choices to be drug free.

We would also like to highlight out track team. This year our team consisted of 116 participants with ages ranging from preschool to fifth grade. Our team placed second, with just one point away from first, in the School Championship Meet which was held on April 23. Ms. Packer says this has been her best team ever and commends her parents for the awesome job they have done and the support they have given her during this season.

Our Academic Team placed second overall in regions and our Future Problem Solving Team placed second in regions in competition with twenty other schools. We had two students place in Social Studies and two students placed in Arts/Humanities. One student was recognized for their high score in Math. We’re proud of our Academic Team!

Mr. Duncan informed the council that his class has received an email from Mrs. Gaddie, an educational leader from central office. She praised the work that the class had done with the coins for education program with the Fort Knox Federal Credit Union. She lauded their web pages and thank you letters.

Mr. Thomas praised the fifth grade students for their presentations at the Hardin County School’s Technology Fair. He reported that Savannah Watson’s creation of a Preamble of the Constitution video connected well with a contemporary audience.

A chess tournament was held at and sponsored by New Highland Elementary School on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. McDonald Middle School of Fort Knox, coached by Mr. Bernard Orr, and New Highland Elementary, coached by Mr. Barry Cox, each have over twenty members in their respective chess clubs and were the schools in attendance. The two teams participated in non-stop competition for two hours, with only breaks by individuals to snack on foods provided by New Highland chess club parent sponsors, Mrs. Rachel Arias and Mrs. Sarah Rodgers. The event took place in the media center where twenty five boards were set for play. Two individuals were recognized from each school during the competition. Ben Rochford from New Highland received a plaque for “Outstanding Play”. Maximus Beltran (from Mr. Maddock’s room) received a plaque for “Sportsmanship”. The event was deemed a great success by all involved with plans to have a four team tournament during the next school year.

Mrs. Georgel’s class has sent Sully monsters (from the movie, Monsters Inc.) around the world until May 14. The Sullys have already visited ten states. Mrs. Georgel’s class is anxiously awaiting their arrival back at school so that they may read about their journey via their notebook. The News Enterprise did a great article on April 23 about the monsters before they began their journey.

**Finance:** Monica O’Donnell made a motion to accept the February finance report and Georgia Gordon seconded it. Georgia Gordon made a motion to accept the March finance report and Claudia Wilburn seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Monica Oliver