**New Highland Elementary**

**Site Based Decision Making Council Meeting**

**February 14, 2013**

The New Highland Site Based Decision Making Council met on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at 2:35 p.m. in the principal’s office.

**Members present included:** Mark Thomas, Mary Foster, Karen Drake, Elizabeth Scott, Monica O’Donnell, and Joyce Cross.

**Visitors present:** Terri Morgan

**Agenda:** Mr. Thomas reviewed the agenda with the council and acknowledged the visitor.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the monthly meeting in January were reviewed. Elizabeth Scott made a motion to accept the minutes and Karen Drake seconded it.

**New Business:**

**CSIP:** A working copy of the CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) was reviewed by the council. Mr. Thomas informed the council that this CSIP has a new format with additional pages and a number of goals that are to be added to the plan. Elizabeth Scott made a motion to accept the plan and Karen Drake seconded it.

**Allocations:** The council reviewed the staffing allocations for the 2013-2014 school year. New Highland will be receiving an additional teacher and special education resource teacher due to higher enrollment; all other positions remain the same. Elizabeth Scott made a motion to accept the staffing allocation for the 2013-2014 school year and Mary Foster seconded it.

**Old Business:**

**Budget Committee:** The revised minutes from the October Budget Committee meeting were reviewed by the council. The Budget Committee met to amend the minutes due to the per pupil allocation being revised. Mary Foster made a motion to accept the Budget Committee minutes and Monica O’Donnell seconded it.

**Student Achievement/Success Story:** The New Highland Elementary Quick Recall team competed well during the Whiz Kids Competition this year. New Highland made it to the finals by defeating Heartland, Helmwood Heights, Creekside and Howevalley. New Highland lost to Hardinsburg by three points in the final match. The students that compete on the New Highland team include: Amara Danturthi, Tristen Jackson, Lauren Kirschner, Jacob Mata, Preston Murrell, Conan O’Donnell, Benjamin Rochford and Matthew Louvet. The academic team will compete at the district competition on March 2 and New Highland Elementary will be hosting this event.

An update on Girls United: The girls go twice a month to Feeding America to put food together for children and the elderly. They have also donated their time at Kensington Manor Nursing Facility making cards, visiting with the residents and giving manicures. This is headed up by Stephanie Gray and other volunteers who work with this group of girls to help them become respectful young ladies for today’s society.

One of our own, Tristen Jackson competed in the 2013 Ford Motor Company Spelling Bee and received a Certificate of Merit for achieving the title of being the best speller at New Highland Elementary School. Tristen also competes on our Quick Recall team and we’re very proud of him for a job well done!

Mrs. Drake’s kindergarten class has chosen to perform 26 random acts of kindness in honor of the 26 lives lost in the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy. Her class will continue to perform acts of kindness as part of their New Year’s resolutions for 2013 to help make the world a better place.

**Finance:** The finance report for January was reviewed by the council. Mary Foster made a motion to accept the January finance report and Karen Drake seconded it.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Monica Oliver