

Literacy Roundtable Subcommittee **School Age Children Meeting**

June 3, 2009

The following members were present:

Annette Gadsden – Chairperson
Clara Heinsohn
Elicia Jackson
Tammy Simmons
Joseph Baldino

Annette opened the meeting and welcomed all of the members. She gave an update on the literacy survey. An email was sent to each school asking the principal to designate a literacy volunteer contact person. Most schools have responded. The survey will be available to be sent out to the schools during the beginning of the next school year. The survey will be posted on Survey Monkey. The committee will begin to compile a list of questions that will be listed on the survey. Annette gave each member a copy of the literacy volunteer contact list. The committee suggested the following school programs be listed on the survey under resources:

- Charleston Book Buddies
- Big Brother, Big Sister
- Lunch Buddies
- South of Broadway Outreach Program
- Realtor Readers
- Rotary Readers
- Leaders Are Readers
- Young Playwright
- Team Trendsetters
- Be A Mentor
- Sidewalk Chalk

Spotlight of Literacy

Clara Heinsohn suggested that she will talk with Robbie Scott, with the Post & Courier to get ideas on how the newspaper can highlight schools in CCSD.

CCSD Literacy Day/Week

Clara Heinsohn will facilitate this project. Literacy Week is a national celebration that is held during the month of September. It was suggested by the committee to invite a renowned book author and have a book signing.

Other Updates

Annette updated the committee on Scholastic. Scholastic has put together books for Title I schools. Each student at a Title I school will receive a bundle of 10 books to take home for the summer. A book log will accompany each bundle. Children will be responsible for logging their books and returning the log to the school at the beginning of the school year. Students who complete their log will be invited to participate in the Scholastic celebration during the beginning of the school year. These books were paid for by Title I and Stimulus funds. Annette said she will talk with the Scholastic representative about donating books to some of the local churches.

Clara gave an update on a summer reading program. The program will be held at the following elementary schools:

- Memminger
- Mitchell
- James Simons
- Sanders-Clyde
- Charleston Progressive Academy

The program will be responsible for 24 students per school. Students will be provided with breakfast and lunch. Reading and art sessions will be held. The following area churches have committed to the program:

- Grace Episcopal Church
- St. Matthews Lutheran Church
- Morris Street Baptist Church
- Morris Street AME Church

Clara plans to meet with volunteers on Wednesday, June 10th at 4 pm.

The next meeting will take place in August.

NO BOOK LEFT UNREAD

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