

January 7, 2008

Dear Finney Parents,

Please allow me to introduce myself, Lisa Winter, as the Chair of the Parent Family Council for the 2007/2008 school year. My daughter Hannah is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade enjoying her first year at Finney.

The other members of the Council include Mike Warren, Assistant Chair Bev Pappano, Secretary, and Kathy Smith, Treasurer. Among the 4 of us we represent Finney as parents of K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

I would first like to thank Bev Pappano and Kathy Smith for taking the initiative to coordinate the Faculty/Staff Christmas Breakfast. Many, many thanks to those who stepped forward to make and bring in food for the event, and to all whom so generously gave so that the teachers and staff could be blessed with a Christmas Bonus.

It is already quite evident that each of these people are dedicated to serve the Lord, and motivated to serve Finney to the best of their abilities. We have outlined some high priorities and would like to invite you as parents to share in the opportunity to make Finney a school of excellence on every level.

Our first priority is to establish clear and direct communication to support the teachers so that they are encouraged to do their very best everyday. These are already people of great character, with a love for God, His Word, and the adventure of learning. They make great sacrifice to teach at Finney via pay, hours, and extracurricular activities. Much of their days are consumed with keeping up with the demands of working in a small school environment. I believe it would be a tremendous blessing for each teacher to have 2 parents he or she can count on for prayer, communication, and other various supports as needs arise- to gather other volunteers within the classroom for large or small undertakings. An immediate need that we see already is that our teachers do not have breaks- they monitor in the lunchroom during *their* lunch breaks. I know that it is sometimes difficult for them to get even a personal moment all day. We must rise to this occasion and fill the gap so that they can refresh. We already have a volunteer who is willing to coordinate the lunchroom coverage- *I see a multiple of volunteer opportunities that would require as little as 15-30 minutes a week.* With an army of giving- we together can accomplish much more than we alone could do. Please prayerfully consider how you may want to bless Finney with your abilities.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, and hope to do so at the next Parent Meeting scheduled **January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. At this meeting we will outline specific opportunities and welcome your insight and comments. Sign up sheets will be available. If for some reason you can not attend, please leave the attached questionnaire in the main office with Joy or in the PF Council mailbox. This meeting will be an hour with coffee afterwards for those who can or would like to stay.

Thank you so much for believing in this school, and for your prayer and support.

God Bless You,  
Lisa Winter sixwinter@msn.com

Finney Parent Survey

NAME: CHILD'S NAME  
HOMEROOM TEACHER phone number E-MAIL:

Would you like to be a parent rep. for your child's teacher?

Would you be willing to pray for your child's teacher and class?

Are you available to cover lunchroom monitoring?  
How often? Daily Weekly Bi-monthly Monthly  
Which days work best for you? M T W Th F

What kind of communication from the school would be most helpful to you?  
Weekly email update  
Monthly newsletter  
Personal phone call

Have you noticed anything in the building that would like to see improved?

What kind of character development are you hoping the Finney education will expose to your child beyond "Christian" (specific)  
Do you have any skills or knowledge that you would be willing to share to better the school?

If so, would you be open to passing on those skills to other parents and students willing to learn?

Do you have an abundance of anything that you think the school might be able to use?

Do you have a need that you would like the body of Finney to be aware of and praying for?

Are you confused about anything regarding communicating with Finney?

Regarding volunteering:  
Which would suit you best?  
15 minutes/WEEK  
30 minutes/WEEK  
1 hour as needed  
2 hours as needed

Could you recommend a profitable fundraising idea you may have had experience with or heard of?

