

Site Council Minutes

June 11, 2009

Kathy Saranpa (convener), Virginia Seefeld (recorder), Randy Bernstein, Stan Paulic, Joshua Hamill, Stephanie Cannon, Rebecca Kovack, Pete Hamm, Ladia Filip, MarSi Vitus, Gregory Dunkin, Tim Bjornstad, Blanche Colson, Grace Whitmore, Andre Brown.

I. OPENING ACTIVITIES

A. Visitor's Comments - None

B. Minutes approved unanimously

C. Debrief the year: A good discussion occurred where people each shared something good that happened this year. Comments ranged from teachers being proud of students, to enjoyment of new artwork, to personal and/or professional accomplishments.

II. OLD BUSINESS

D. Site Council Membership for 2009-10

Randy Bernstein, Stephanie Cannon, Kathy Saranpa, Virginia Seefeld, Travis Johson, Tim Bjornstad, Science pending, PE pending, IHS pending, Gwynn O'Connell, Anna Grace, Pete Hamm, Melinda Shull, Parents, Rebecca Kovack, Mark Rosen, New students, Grace Whitmore, Graham Cameron, Phebe Udo,

E. Debrief of Site Council Processes – Reflection and projection

Members said that it was helpful to have the notes sent out with the agenda so that people could come prepared to talk about items on agenda without having to spend so much time on background information. Additionally, the time parameters on the agenda were helpful in keeping the meeting flowing in a timelier manner.

Looking forward it was suggested that we might look for finding a way to simplify the School Improvement Process. Specifically members cited the SIP document itself, and the process of how the goals and strategies are created and then turned in to measureable action items. A suggestion was made to put smaller task forces together to work on smaller, more manageable chunks. Another suggestion was to have Site Council Members take more ownership of the SIP goals and play a more active leadership role in helping to realize those goals. Members expressed interest in having both the SIP and Site Council Membership be more relevant through involvement, hands-on, tangible activities, yet with a simpler less cumbersome process.

III. NEW BUSINESS

F. Site Council Retreat

Randy suggested that Site Council have a beginning of the year retreat. He said that it would be a good opportunity for leadership development. Some ideas may be to discuss ideas of equity in education, where we could bring in someone to work with the team etc. His idea is to spend a half or whole day working on leadership development. Most members were in favor of this idea but wanted to wait to see what Randy proposes in the fall.

Next meeting first week of school, TBA, September 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.