

School Community Council
February 24, 2016

Minutes

Members present: Christina Ahlstrom, Rachelle Funk, Natalie Hill, Kim Kosorok, Austin Cowley, Dee Lawler, Diane Lewis, Jenny Timmerman, Shellie VanOrden, Mindy Widdowson, Matt Smith, Julie Hunt, Ilene Strong

Members excused: Melissa Kirkham, Britt Rohde

Members absent: Gillian Gremmert

Meeting called to order at 3:48

1. Approval of Minutes—

Christina moved to approve the Minutes; Natalie seconded the motion, all approved.

2. Discussion of current test score results:

We examined our test score results—

- a. For upper grades (4th, 5th and 6th), we looked at SAGE results for math, science, and language arts. We concluded that the academic area that needs the most attention was language arts.
- b. For lower grades (K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd), we looked at the DIBELS results for English Language Arts, and anecdotal reports for math. We

concluded that the academic area that needs the most attention was English Language Arts.

- c. We also noticed that we needed to pay attention to improving keyboarding skills school wide. We had some ideas about this:
 - Encourage students to practice typing
 - Conduct grade-level competitions for typing proficiency.
 - Make students and families aware of the typing game links available on Beth Hansen's website.
 - Ilene will include typing game links with weekly emails.

3. School Improvement Plan

- a. Kim issued a request that we all work on developing ideas for improving the English Language Arts goals
- b. Natalie moved that, after studying our current data, we believe that it will be most important for us to focus our school improvement plan on improving English Language Arts. Jenny seconded the motion, all approved.

4. Expenditure Update

We looked at the current expenditures and discussed the line items.

- a. Ilene mentioned that last meeting, she had instigated a discussion about the problem

of tardies, investigating the possibility of using some money to encourage less tardiness school-wide. In the meeting today, after a discussion, the committee decided to use the process already in place at the school to address the tardies and absences, so no money will be used for that.

- b. We have \$5,000 to spend on Character education. Many things were discussed as ideas for the program. Mindy mentioned “Leader in Me” as a possible option. Dee will do some research about the costs and report back about that.

5. Good News

- a. Olivia Styler (4th grader at our school) and Lisa Duvernay were both highlighted in the Daily Herald today.
- b. Princess Ball is next weekend
- c. Red Ribbon Week is this week
- d. Battle of the Books—March 15-18
- e. PTA Spell-a-thon kick-off is next Monday
- f. Shrek Jr. is coming up on March 17, 18, and 19.
- g. The school district got \$4 million from the legislature through SB97

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:48