

Minutes of Site Council
Sycamore Elementary School
September 17, 2013

Present: Ken Graff (KG), Principal (non voting member)
Erica Irby (EI), Assistant to the Principal (non voting member)
Sarah Irvin (SI), member
Mary Fosdick (MF), member-president
Rob Edwards (RE), member
Mike. Quezada (MQ), member

1. **Call to Order**-Mrs. Fosdick called the meeting to order at 16:00. The motion was seconded by Mike Quezada.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance at 16:05
 - b. Ken Graff added Title 1 Parent Involvement to Agenda Policy
 - c. Approval of Minutes, Sarah Irvin moved to approve minutes, MQ seconded.
 - d. Reports
 - i. Member Reports
 1. PTA (parent teacher association)
 - a. KG noted that PTA had a fantastic Family Movie Night, about 400 people in attendance, round \$800 profit. Inflatable movie screen that was purchased last year was used for first time.
 - b. KG stated that PTA is ramping up for Fall Fundraiser, the Read-A-Thon. The goal is 2 Samsung Chromebook Mobile Labs. The middle school purchased these & it will allow Sycamore students to get some practice in prior to moving up to CFMS. Cost is \$22,000 for two 30-book labs including carts. I-Pads are 3 times the cost. Hopes of raising \$25 per student to meet goal.
 - c. KG reported there is about \$8,000 in PTA account.
 - d. MF inquired what other schools are doing.

- e. KG also noted that school must update our wiring technology to accommodate devices, band-width should be accommodating. The State wants Park, but legislature hasn't approved yet. Regardless proposals will go out.
 - f. PTA also has Spooky Run set for October 26th, hopefully will make money off of that event
 - g. Vail Education Foundation
 - i. Will apply for \$4,000-\$5,000 grant for mobile labs to help offset PTA donation.
- ii. Administrative Reports
1. Friday, September 20th is the last day of school before Fall Break.
 2. Title I-tomorrow night is information night, 6-7:30
 - a. Overview of Program
 - b. School vs Parent responsibility
 - c. Also Family Reading Night
 3. After-School Programs
 - a. Stinger City & After School Clubs are up & running
 4. Music
 - a. Thursday is 3rd Grade Music Night
 5. After School Tutoring
 - a. Consistent
 6. Bench Marks
 - a. Mon-Thur
 - b. 2nd-5th Grades, later session classes
 7. Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - a. Went well, 95% average conferences were completed
 - b. Telephone Follow-ups
- e. Call to the Public
- i. There was no public present at the meeting
- f. Recognition
- i. Erica Irby recognized the SST (Student Solutions Team), behavioral challenges, teachers given ideas. Team members are Rachel Tankersley, Kathy Goolsby, Nicole

Gregory, Sarah Irvin, Melissa Lanning, Jessica Brenner, Joanna Parker, Georgia Johnson, Julie Duvall, Angie Demarco

- ii. EI recognized Amanda Sugimodo for ELL
- iii. EI recognized Mrs. Zopfi for the last Caught in the Act video, addressed anti-bullying with the students
- iv. Speech Department was recognized for ideas and follow-through, turn-over was less than a week.
- v. SI recognized Rachel Johnson for sending in data in a timely manner with 700 kids testing.
- vi. KG recognized Alice Mensch, music watching practices-great interaction with kids & has them in the palm of her hands.
- vii. KG recognized Mrs. Mueller and Ms. Grace for Star-Based release graduation. Got kids involved in their projects. Will go through December-end of the year.Col. Williams is good to go through December and through next Sept. is promising.
- viii. KG recognized Christina Garcia for what she's done at Sycamore.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. KG, You can look at, approve through a motion, pool an item and it can be voted on.
- b. Student Council-going on leadership retreat on October 18th.

3. Old Business

- a. Enrollment Update-958 Students.
 - i. K-2nd looking good
 - ii. 3rd -4th have room
 - iii. 5th has plenty of room
 - iv. Projected to have 973 students by January.
 - v. Kids move in & out, will not increase funding or staffing
- b. Certified-Classified Staff Update
 - i. K-2nd are stable
 - ii. 3rd grade is very well
 - iii. Elizabeth Rodman is an upgrade, doing an amazing job.
 - iv. 4th & 5th are consistent
 - v. 1 day a week, ELL Mon-teaching & teaching in the evening

- vi. New Inclusion Para-Pros starting tomorrow
- vii. Changes to Front Office Staff
 - 1. Tori Janes is new Office Manager
 - 2. Keri Harvie is new Attendance Clerk
 - 3. Hannah Adame back as Health Aide
- c. Facilities Report
 - i. KG said changes to be made with playground set because metal is tearing up. A Sales Rep is coming out.
 - ii. Inclusion Staff to discuss students with disabilities
 - iii. Donation Box-Sign to be put up for Do Not Enter
 - iv. Facilities Director to come out & discuss

4. New Business

- a. KG said 2013-2014 Goals changed with 301 Goals
 - i. Prop 301- 1 goal must be based on academic performance. Worth \$700 total for teachers for ALL goals met. \$350 for teachers if one not met.
 - ii. For teachers, goals are more performance based-reading & math. Aims to Common Core, beginning stages of knowing curriculum & rigor/depth of curriculum. Hit or Miss with it in Math Benchmark testing.
 - iii. Title 1-monthly screening/monitoring of teachers. Kindergarten-must master letter name/sounds, high frequency words.
 - iv. 86% last years reading goal, 92% lexi-level has changed
 - v. 85% to 80% goal changed
- b. Beyond Textbooks
 - i. Web-based store house, assessments, support materials that teachers pool from, unwraps lessons etc.
 - ii. Need more lessons for Beyond Textbooks. 8 postings, 7 in math, 1 in other context area
 - iii. Outcome of students after instruction, 81-82 partners.
 - iv. Specialists Teachers-all areas of expertise, May 9th is deadline for postings
 - v. Need for knowledge of math-academic terminology
 - vi. Mary requesting Math update at every Site Council
- c. Proposed Boundary Change
 - i. Concern with Sycamore's size, new building still occurring. Taken from Esmond Station, funding from the

- State to build Middle School. 500 student K-8 School off Mary Ann Cleveland since no site in Corona.
- ii. Sycamore has a maximum capacity of 1,075 students.
 - iii. The square will break off to transport students to Acacia., any new growth will go to Esmond Station
 - iv. Will buy Sycamore another year
 - v. Mr. Caruth will come to next meeting
- d. Sycamore's Benchmark I Data
- i. 2nd grade-did well
 - ii. 3rd grade-haven't seen. need to raise lots of hard work to do in math. Many paths, different ways to solve problems.
 - iii. 4th grade- lowest reading scores seen
 - iv. Teachers to get together, essential common core methodology taught- receiving & responding to data. How to overlap with curriculum-gap standard. Will retest & share data.
 - v. 5th grade-right on level
- e. Title 1
- i. Parent Involvement Policy-same as schools in District
 - ii. Funding to reading specialists.
 - iii. Bottom 18 % of kinder, 22% of 1st-5th, analysis sent to parents
 - iv. Run Family Reading Nights
 - v. Premise of Program to go over tomorrow night
- f. EI provided new contact information

5. Next Meeting

- a. Thursday, October 17th at 4:30pm in Community Room

6. Adjournment

