

Four Seasons A+ Site Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2006

Members in attendance: Ahna Logan, Tammy Sinkfield, Deirdre Vaughan, Caridad Garcia-Nelson, Darrell Baggenstoss, Barb Leuthe, Howard Wilson, Roman Stepchuk, Ann Reidell, Michael Palmer (6:15 p.m.). Not present: Pat Diamond, Rae Renlund, Courtland Stewart.

Roman Stepchuk called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The December minutes were reviewed and approved as printed. Agenda items include:

Parent Involvement

1. Parent Member Vacancy

Roman noted that we want to fill an opening on the Site Council for one parent. We would like to make sure that the council members represent parents from all ethnic and student age groups. Ann offered to write a newsletter article by February 1 for the next school newsletter (copy can also be used by teachers in their classroom newsletters), and Deirdre will put a solicitation for site council members on the website.

2. Parent Survey Report

Barb gave a report on the parent survey taskforce meeting and a discussion of the working draft for our parent involvement survey ensued. Suggestions for changes and additions were noted. Another draft will be sent out to all Site Council members for approval or changes. We also discussed sending out the surveys via teachers, using a class list on a manila envelope to track returns at the classroom level.

3. Parent Involvement Day – February 8, 2006

Howard spoke about what was said at the most recent staff meeting re: Parent Involvement Day, and asked the Site Council parents to give their input. After discussion about possible changes to the existing schedule, Howard offered to speak with the kitchen supervisor about modifying the breakfast schedule that day to accommodate visiting parents. We decided to have children with parent/guardian visitors eat together first in the cafeteria from 7:45 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. Afterward, children who do not have visitors will eat together, from 8:05 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. Parents who want to come for breakfast will need to make reservations and purchase a ticket at the door. Staffing schedules in the cafeteria will need to be adjusted to cover the second breakfast session.

Once breakfast is over, students and parents will return to the classroom for morning meetings and to observe their child's regular day. We decided that parents are more interested in this format than the MIX performances as in the past.

Refreshments will be set up in library throughout the morning. We will hand out a quick exit poll to parents asking what they liked best about the day, and what they would suggest changing.

Parent Involvement Day is on Wednesday, February 8, and it coincides with an early release day. There is no school that day for students in the Four-year-old program.

4. Parent Fair at River Centre – January 21, 2006
Howard reported that the staff is planning our presentation for the Parent Fair.
5. District Magnet School Open House – February 2, 2006
This event coincides with our next Site Council meeting. We will meet at our regular time and then host an open house and tours of the building starting at 6 p.m. Howard asked us to generate a list of the features that make our school special. These are:

Arts Model, Focus on learning through the Arts
Year-round Schedule, Intersession
Diverse Learning Community
Peace Site
Peace Garden Project
Community Partners
Sense of Community
Writers/Readers Workshop
Teaming Model
Technology
MIX (Multiple Intelligences)
Special Ed/ELL Support
Early-K (4 Year-Olds) Program
All Day Kindergarten
Strong Curriculum (languages/Math/Science)

Principal's Report

A copy of Howard's report is attached. The lunch schedule and procedure changes are being monitored and have been successful thus far. Our building, under the leadership of the third grade students, completed an exceptionally successful food drive last month. The holiday choir tours were outstanding.

The news that we received an additional \$23,000 in restored funding, which he did not have a particular plan for at this time, generated an extended discussion. A motion was made and seconded to have Howard look at what it would cost to restore the _ time PE teacher position for the remainder of this school year.

Other Committee Business

Thanks to Deirdre for December minutes
January minutes taken by Barb L.
Snacks provided by Barb L.

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Leuthe.

Upcoming Schedule:

<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Beverage</u>	<u>Snack</u>
Feb. 2		Roman	Rae
March 9		Pat	Tammy
April 6		Darrell	Deirdre
May 4		Ahna	Howard