

Willett Elementary School
Site Council Meeting
December 9, 2015
4:00 PM

Site Council

1. Roll Call
 - a. H. Govindjee-Merchant, K. Bobadilla were absent.
2. Public Comment
 - a. P.Vaziri expressed his admiration for teachers everywhere following his experience the past 3 weeks as a substitute teacher.
 - b. C.Weintraub commented that there might be communication gap where parents are not getting all of the school flyers. A blurb in Who's News to point out the URL and newly added flyers might be helpful.
3. Approval of Minutes from October
 - a. M. Agnew moved to approve as written. K. Carlson seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. Discussion of Self Study on Monday, February 1st, 2016.
 - a. Date changed to February 1st.
 - b. January Site Council meeting is cancelled.
 - c. April 20th and May 18th remaining meetings.
 - d. Groups of 4: 2 staff members and 2 parents per group. Three groups visit different classes and view playground at recess. Lunch together.
 - e. Packet of "Language of the Self Study" was discussed. Formative (daily, integrated evaluations of students' progress and teacher instruction) Assessments and Summative (evaluations for end of study, such as SBAC, unit assessments, benchmarks, etc.) Assessments were described.
 - f. Last year, the staff professional development focus was pedagogy; this year we have focused on differentiation and collaborative conversation articulation. Each month, liaison and Heidi discuss and create the monthly focus for the staff meetings.
 - g. Debrief and Site Council meeting will follow Self-Study tour. Timing for the day will be approximately 8am–2pm.
 - h. It was suggested to have the accompanying staff point out and explain and examples of differentiated learning. There was discussion about how to best structure the tours. It was suggested to have some themes that could be then discussed during the debriefing, and to see if it would be possible to coordinate with the teacher of the classes being visited. The students in the visited classroom could explain to the visitors what the class is working on. There was a request to

include as many of the various services (e.g., reading, math, EL) offered at the school, with longer observation times.

5. Principal Update

- a. 6th Grade Sly Park meeting Wednesday, December 9th at 6PM. Trip will be Jan 25-29.
- b. Chorus concerts on Monday; 2 during school day and 1 at night.
- c. Principal's coffee was well-attended by new families last week. Discussed Mindset and "How to Raise an Adult" book studies with staff.
- d. Stuff the Police Car was today. Over 200 items were donated. Also, the Hootie party for students using the Active 4 Me program was this afternoon.

6. Committee Reports

- a. PTA –Heidi
 - i. Meeting is next week so nothing to report.
- b. AIM Advisory – Michelle
 - i. There was a meeting last Monday. Superintendent explained role of the Advisory Committee, which is to gather information and provide opinions. The group is no, but will not have voting power.
 - ii. Stephanie Gregson is now leading the AIM program.
 - iii. There were concerns about the size of the ChromeBook screens with regard to testing.
 - iv. Continued OLSAT testing, continuing HOPE, and a gradual increase in the qualifying percentile from OLSAT. Parent education priorities will be:
 - 1) what is differentiation,
 - 2) depth, complexity, novelty, and acceleration, and
 - 3) what is the role for parents.
 - v. CAG Conference was last month and was attended by some teachers in the district.
- c. DTAC – Kim B. was not present so no report was made.
- d. SPAC – Next meeting is on Friday, Jan 11.

7. Adjourn

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