

Central Elementary Spring Site Council Report 2009-2010

Central Elementary Site Council Members:

Staff Members:

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Officers:

President: Katie Fritz
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Site Council Goals:

- Monitor school improvement progress toward targeted goals with respect to No Child Left Behind legislation and AYP standards.
- Maintain communications between Central Elementary Site Council, USD 320 Board of Education, and USD 320 parents
- Increase awareness and understanding of programs in place at Central Elementary with respect to

curriculum and instructional strategies used in the classrooms

- Revise and update Central Site Council bylaws

Site Council Goal #1:

The Central Elementary Site Council will monitor school improvement progress toward targeted goals with respect to No Child Left Behind regulations and AYP standards.

This goal specifically addresses the following school improvement goals:

- Student will improve reading and comprehension
- Student will improve writing skills
- Students will improve math and problem solving skills

Activities to be completed to accomplish this goal:

The principal and teachers will update the Site Council on the success of programs within the school.

The Site Council will discuss and review Central Elementary school improvement plan and will be given opportunities to learn how the goals of the building are implemented and achieved.

This goal was met in the follow ways:

In February, we reviewed the school improvement plan which targeted the area of reading strategies and comprehension, math problem solving skills, and writing skills. During the discussion, parents learned more about some of the intervention programs

our staff was sampling during the March 5th teacher professional development day. Parents also learned more about our other reading programs presently in place, such as animated alphabet, guided reading, walk to read, and Reading Recovery.

Site Council Goal #2:

The Central Elementary Site Council will maintain communications between Central Elementary parents, USD 320 Board of Education, and USD 320 patrons.

This goal specifically addresses the following school improvement goals:

Target Goal 1

Target Goal 2

Activities to be completed to accomplish this goal:

All Site Council agendas and minutes will be sent to Central Elementary parents, USD 320 Board of Education members, and Central Elementary Site Council members.

Site Council agendas and minutes will be posted on the USD 320 website each month.

This goal was met in the follow ways:

Our Site Council sponsored an information booth during Open House Night. Not only did they have materials about Site Council (and PTO), they also had information about the upcoming Bond Issue planned for vote on November 3, 2009. Parents were able

to stop by the booth and find out more information about the organization and have questions answered about the Bond Issue.

Site Council updated our website which is located on the USD 320 website. Our monthly agendas, minutes, and yearly goals were all posted for patrons to access.

Site Council helped host a town hall meeting for patrons to attend to gain more information and have questions answered for the upcoming the Central Bond Election on November 4th

Monthly updates on the Central Construction were held each month. Site Council suggested that a display board prominently located near the entrance where parents come in and out of the school be updated in order to keep parents informed on the construction project.

Begin in November, the Site Council became more informed and involved in the budget issues our district and Central were facing. Parents on Site Council had an opportunity to hear information about the process our district was using to prioritize possible cuts to Central's budget. Parents also had an opportunity each meeting to ask questions about the budget issues that the school faced.

Site Council members attended monthly board meetings. Often board members would share information from the school board meeting at the Site Council meeting.

Site Council Officers served on the Central Budget Committee along with 5 Central staff members and two other parents from Central. This committee met during the month of January with recommendations listed and prioritized. The Central Elementary list of prioritized suggestions was given to the district committee

along with the other 3 schools' lists. Those lists were looked at by the District Committee.

Volunteers in Public Service and Code of Conduct forms were created to add to our enrollment packet in August 2010 which will help more parents become involved in their child's school....

Site Council Goal #3:

The Central Elementary Site Council will increase awareness and understanding of programs in place at Central Elementary with respect to curriculum and instructional strategies used in the classrooms.

This goal specifically addresses the following school improvement goals:

Target Goal 1

Target Goal 2

Target Goal 3

Activities to be completed to accomplish this goal:

Each month, teachers from different grade levels will present a brief informational presentation explaining activities and programs currently used within their curriculum and classroom.

Each month, the principal will update the members of the site council with updates and highlights from Central Elementary.

This goal was met in the follow ways:

In September, the CCAMMP teachers (computer, counselor, art, music, media specialist, and PE teachers) came to the meeting and shared their goals for the school year. Each teacher gave specific examples of the goals they were setting and working toward with their students.

In addition, some scheduling changes that benefit the students' academic learning environment were shared, such as creating more lunch time for our first graders.

In October, our special education teachers, Mrs. Shelly Sloan and Mrs. Marsha DeHart shared information about the programs they use with our special education students. Mrs. DeHart shared her experiences of writing some of the student books that she uses with students in her class.

In November, the Site Council invited Mr. Conwell to come to our meeting to visit with us about the impact of state budget cuts out have on our USD 320 school budgets as well as how it would impact Central Elementary. Questions from Site Council members were asked and answered, thus giving the Site Council a better understanding of how negatively the state cuts would have on the school's budget.

In January, second grade teachers came to share their Westward Expansion unit and the activities they involved their students in to learn about the time period. They shared the upcoming trip to the Kansas History Museum on Kansas Day. They showed different student dioramas to further explain their unit's activities.

In April, Pre-school and Kindergarten came to share their programs. Pre-School teacher, Carrie Ficke, gave an update on a

study done on the effectiveness of their program with regard to incoming tested kindergarteners. The Kindergarten teaching team shared their science unit on Insects. Amazing books, activities and projects were shared and students work showed just how much fun and learning our kindergarteners were experiencing.

In May, first grade plans to attend and update the council on special activities that our first graders are doing in their class.

Site Council Goal #4:

The Central Elementary Site Council will revise and update the Site Council bylaws.

This goal specifically addresses the following school improvement goals:

Target Goal 1

Target Goal 2

Activities to be completed to accomplish this goal:

Current officers of Central Elementary Site Council along with the principal will use information from the KSDE website and the previously written by-laws to create a new set of bylaws.

A draft copy of the new bylaws will be presented to the Site Council for approval.

The approved set of Central Elementary Site Council Bylaws will be added to the USD 320 website and site council president's book.

This goal was met in the follow ways:

A committee was established in October to begin the process of updating our old by-laws. The committee was comprised of the principal, Brenda Page, along with the Site Council officers. A rough draft was presented in November to the Site Council and members had a chance to ask questions and make suggested changes. After the changes were made, a final copy of the new by-laws was presented to the Site Council and approved in January of 2010. A copy of the by-laws was added in February to our Site Council link on the USD 320 website. Interested patron can access the by-laws if they have questions pertaining to the mission of the Site Council.