

Site Council Minutes November 16, 2009

Site Council met on November 16, 2009. The following people were present: Angie Matthews, Nancy Shreve, Lisa Plankinton, Carrie Ficke, Justin Vieux, Jennifer Soeken, Michelle Koch, Stacie Jones, Bruce Coleman, Linda Bruna, Brenda Page, Doug Conwell, Amy Donahue, Rachel Asbury, and Katie Fritz

Changes to Celebrate:

The bond for the remodeling of Central Elementary was passed on Nov 3rd. Mr. Conwell had a meeting with staff Monday Nov. 9th to discuss wishes and thoughts for the project. The architect is 'fast tracking' this project and the plan is to be finished for the fall 2011 school year.

Healthy Smiles came in with Laura Falk and applied dental cleaning and sealants for qualifying students in the school.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters has been coming once a week. These are high school kids that buddy up with a Central student and will hang out with them during lunch or recess for a little bit.

Reading night will be Thurs November 19th in the gym. For the first 15 minutes parents and children will read together, and for the next 45 minutes Priscilla Howe, a storyteller/puppeteer will be telling stories.

The Kindergarten will be presenting their Thanksgiving program at 2:30 Friday November 20th.

Science night is Dec. 1st. Amy Sramek will be heading this up, and some KSU students are volunteered to help set up and do experiments. They will also help with the Jan 14th Science Work night and Jan 26th Science Fair.

The Anti-bullying program is off and running. The support staff is being trained-teacher aides now, and next will be custodians and paras. Robin Butler has already visited with the bus drivers as well.

American Education Week is Nov 16th-20th. Encourage your students to make a card for their teachers. There are drawings for teachers to receive gifts each day as well.

New By-Laws

The officers met to update the Site Council by-laws Wednesday Nov 11th, and each member present received a copy of the updated version to look at and approve.

Due to a shortage of time for the meeting, the reading and approval of these by-laws were put off until the next meeting.

Budget

Mr. Conwell was the guest speaker for the meeting and discussed the most recent details on the budget for the schools in Kansas. Across the state, the budget is getting tighter and tighter. Last January, they cut spending to help create some 'backup' money, knowing cuts would be coming, but the cuts are even larger than we can cover, so spending was frozen the first week of November once again. In the next couple of

months, jobs may have to be cut. Some of the factors causing this are that there is an overall higher increase in student headcount than expected, a substantial increase in free/reduced lunch counts and at-risk students, increase in bi-lingual students, and income from the assessed valuation on property is down across the state.

Meeting dates for site council the rest of this school year:
Jan 18, Feb 15, April 19, May 17

Next meeting: January 18, 2009

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