

MEETING DATE: September 29, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Klein, Kate Janka, Christala Culhane, Bob Hainlen, Cindy Huseby, Mary Berg, Patti Leaf, Teresa Lunt, Wendy Biallas, and Mike Odell.

AGENDA:

Additions to the Agenda: Communication of events, drills and consequences to behavior at school.

Review Site Council Mission and Purpose: The council reviewed the mission and purpose of the council. No changes were made to either. It was agreed that the council's function will stay as stated.

Election of officers: The site council has 2 elected offices, chair and secretary. Mike Odell was nominated and elected unanimously to serve as the chair for this year. Sally Lundeen-Hoff was the secretary last year and was not in attendance. It was decided that Christala Culhane would serve as the secretary for this meeting and Sally would be asked if she is interested in serving as the secretary or else Mary and Christala both said they would be willing to be the secretary. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Meeting schedule: A meeting schedule for the year was established. All meeting will be held from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM. A new meeting space will be found, as Room 13 is now a dual-purpose room and no longer meets the needs of the site council. Watch for room assignment on the October agenda. Meeting dates for the school year are: October 27, November 24, January 12, February 23, March 30, April 27 and May 18. If a meeting is not necessary it will be cancelled.

PTO Update: Wendy reported on the first PTO meeting of the year as very successful. Attendance and participation by attendees was noted as positive. The executive board is a transition board that combines the former Weaver Lake board and Fernbrook board. This executive board has been meeting all summer to present the new by-laws, base budget and previous commitments to the PTO for approval. That approval was gained at the first meeting on 9/25. After the revenue for the fall fundraisers is known, the board will meet to review the PTO wish list from the teachers. At the November General PTO Meeting, decisions on how to spend some of the revenues will be completed.

School Goals 08-09: The 07-08 school goals at Fernbrook will be continued this year. They are:

1. All Fernbrook student's reading achievement levels meets or exceeds the districts average.
2. All Fernbrook student's math achievement levels meets or exceeds the districts average.

This year's school improvement plan is due on October 10th. Wendy will email her purposed school improvement plan to the site council for input before the 10th deadline.

Communication of events: A questions was raised about the communication of events, drills and consequences for a behavior was brought to the site council for clarification.

Wendy explained that with confidentiality it impossible, nor should it be made public every incident and the consequences that occurs at school. Any time a child is in the principal's office, the parents/guardians are made aware and communication is with those parties involved. The Fernbrook discipline plan is given to each family at the beginning of each school year and students are grades 2-6 are given that plan at a school meeting. Drills (fire, evacuation and lock down) are done during drill week in the fall and spring. Teachers are alerting families of these drills on the individual classroom peek at the week sheets that are sent home. It was suggested that Wendy utilize the automated phone call system in April to alert parents of the next drill week so families can discuss it at home.

Another piece of communication that was discussed was how others can contribute to site council if they have a need. It was decided that the meeting schedule and agendas will be posted on the Fernbrook website and a form will be available to be filled out and submitted to the Site Council with the topics to be added to the agenda. A 5-minute block of time at the beginning of each meeting agenda will be the designated for those topics.

Future Agenda Items: At the next meeting the site council will discuss the School Improvement Plan and the School Discipline Plan.

Next Meeting: Monday October 27, 7:30-8:30 AM meeting room to be determined.

Submitted by Christala Culhane