

2023-2024 USD #316 Site Council Minutes
Monday, February 19, 2024

Members Present: Amy Patmon, Ashley Arnberger, Brandy Spresser, Lisa Stoll, Jeremy Schiltz, Lyn Cheney, Melissa Wessel, Darell Dible and Mandy Focke.

Absent Members: Stacy Scheetz and Alejandra Dominguez

The meeting began with Ashley Arnberger stating what MTSS is as a Multi-Tiered System of Support. She stated that our current status is we are fully implementing reading and behavior in K-12. This next year, we will move into implementing math with training. Then it was discussed how we could advocate for a high school science teacher for the opening we have next year. Ashley mentioned we did have a couple of applicants so far. It was discussed about promoting positivity throughout the school district, asking for ideas of ways the council could help as well as ideas from parents.

Parent involvement was discussed on having ideas of how to get parents more involved in the school. It was stated that we want them to be an active member of the district. We are wanting suggestions for how to get them involved more than attending sporting events. This moved into our discussion of parent teacher conferences. This spring we are going to attempt to hold student led conferences at the MS and HS level. Ashley shared the document of what the students filled out for each class and gave them a guide on how to start the conversations during the conference. The teachers gave extra credit points to try to get the students to engage in this process. It did seem to work, the attendance went up. Most students came and the majority of them had a parent here and were involved as well. This is a learning process for both the students and teachers, so we

appreciate any feedback we can get as we move forward to next year. At Rexford, 66% of the parents attended the conferences, that is a huge jump from last year. It was stated that spring conferences were not a very good turn out in the past.

Then Ashley moved onto discussing where the school district was at in the process of the enrollment of non-resident students. She stated the school board did adopt a policy last month. So that part is complete. They added a few things to make it better fit our district as a whole. They wanted to add not in good academic standing and acts of violence to the presented policy.

Lastly, Lisa Stoll, the school nurse, presented information on the school wellness policy. It needed to be updated since they had an inspection. Part of the policy needed parents and community input so she brought it to the council. It should be updated annually, she stated. So she just wanted everyone to become aware of it and where it was located. They will have an up to date policy on the school website. Next month, she would like us to take a closer look at it to discuss. She needs to rebuild a committee as part of the updated process. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Lisa Stoll and Melissa Wessel also discussed other ways to help our families in the district. They mentioned, "Food is Medicine" program and the commodities distribution. Lisa and Melissa stated they could come back with additional information on those next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm. Next meeting will be Monday, March 18th. It will be the last meeting of this year.