

2022-2023 USD #316 Site Council Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2023

Grade School Library in Selden at 5:45 PM

Members Present: Ashley Arnberger, Mary Ellen Welshhon, Amy Patmon, Jeremy Schiltz, Lisa Stoll, Darrel Dible, Mandy Focke, and Lyn Cheney

ABSENT: Stacy Scheetz, Melissa Wessel and Alejandra Dominguez

Guests: Mindy Fleckenstein

1. Introduction of all members since last meeting:

We will try this again next month. There were some absences this month due to sickness and work related situations. We appreciate all of you who could make it. However, Stacy Scheetz had planned to attend. She wanted the message to inform the council that she is currently servicing 3 students at the grade school in person and 1 student at Rexford, it is through Zoom. She has talked to some other families, she's hopeful they will fill out paperwork so she may be adding to her schedule. She is in the grade school on Tuesdays, pretty much most of the day. She does let us know when she is unable to come. This is offered from Sheridan County Health Complex.

2. Highlighted Minutes from the meeting: Amy Patmon skimmed the minutes and shared some highlights. She will email the minutes after each meeting so each member will receive a copy. No questions were asked.

3. Health Pathway for CTE program:

Mindy Fleckenstein, USD #316 High School Science teacher came to the meeting tonight to present what the Health Pathway looks like for students. This is a pathway our students have an opportunity to be completers or concentrators. To be a concentrator of the program the student would have to take Biology, Chemistry, A & P, and Medical Terminology. If they end up completing the program and earning their certificate to be a CNA, they will be considered a completer. This year her numbers are low for the classes. It seems like in the healthcare career, it goes in spurts of interest. Right now, it seems to be at a low, possibly due to Covid-19. She teaches all of the classes required to complete this pathway, except Medical Terminology. That class is offered online through Colby Community College. She will have some concentrators, but most students do not want to take A & P, so they never become completers. She also went into

another class she started offering, "Health Careers". They complete a chapter in a week. They go through each profession you can choose in the healthcare field. She tries to make it fit the students who are offering the class. She has them take an aptitude test, to see if it indicates what they think they want to do.

They looked into adding curriculum to the class, but it was very expensive and we do not currently have enough students enrolled to spend the money. She also noted she tries to bring in people that work in each of the careers to do a little presentation and answer questions the students may have.

4. District Needs Assessment:

Mrs. Arnberger shared with the council what the District Needs Assessment is and that we needed their input to complete it. Mrs. Arnberger and Mrs. Patmon went through it before the meeting to fill in some of the data that the council would not have. Then we decided which parts we needed their input. We told them it may be overwhelming so we will start the process and might have to complete it next month.

Then we proceeded to go through the Building Needs Assessment for their input.

- Student Needs
- State Board of Education Outcomes
- Curriculum Needs
- Staff Needs
- Facility Needs
- Family Needs/Community Relations

Some Suggestions from the Council:

- to see each child as an individual and don't compare siblings when talking to parents about their children.
- Possibly a fun packet at enrollment to get students a jumpstart right before school begins
- Community members would like a school calendar that could be distributed at the local banks or businesses. This would provide school events, enrollment and dates
- Curriculum needs were discussed. The elementary school is currently going to pilot a new Social Studies curriculum. A decision will be made this spring to order for next year. As far as Science, the Elementary is moving forward to an online curriculum next year. The programs will be, "Mystery Science" and "Generation Genius". The current curriculum being

used for both Science and Social Studies is not meeting all of our standards/needs, it is very expensive, and overall the teachers are not happy with the results. The “Mystery Science” curriculum will coordinate and move directly into the Science that is used at Rexford. This will be a great transition for the students. As far as the MS/HS areas of Science, they will continue to use the current curriculum, both MS and HS have seen good results and progress with their new curriculum.

5. Reminder of last meeting for this school year

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:45

Next year, we will plan to meet quarterly. You will be contacted to find out if you would like to continue serving on this council next fall.