

2023-2024 USD #316 Site Council Minutes Monday, November 13, 2023

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

Absent Members: Melissa Wessel and Alejandra Dominguez.

1. Meeting dates/times schedule for this school year

The schedule was handed out to members for the remainder of the meetings as well as a list of all members on the council with contact information. Amy Patmon took a minute to thank the council for volunteering their time for our school. She asked them to come with ideas or suggestions. Amy also wanted to add an extra thank you to school board member, Jeremy Schiltz. He has volunteered to be on this council and has moved to serve on another board as well. So we thank him for donating the time to do so.

2. Agenda-any additions

There were no additions to the agenda. Before the meeting proceeded Mrs Patmon wanted the council to know the framework as the meeting takes place.

- a. Respect and Value the Time Frame (5:45-6:45)
- b. Maintain Agenda Integrity
- c. Respect Everyone and Their Ideas

3. The Role of the District Site Council

We are required to have this council by State Statute. Amy Patmon went over the role of the site council briefly. The council consists of the same members as last year, so we didn't need to go into all the details. The overall goal is to promote positive ideas to the school and about the school. It is an advisory council, it can only make recommendations, not decisions. Council members are to advocate for the educational needs of their community and provide support to staff and students.

4. Every Child Can Read Act

Ashley Arnberger reported that this went into effect last July 1st. It is to promote 3rd grade literacy. It is measured by state assessments. It is to improve academic achievement, phonics and comprehension, vocabulary and fluency. We meet most of

these with our MTSS interventions by Tiered instruction. This year Mrs Taylor, 3rd grade teacher has to meet with parents of the students and document their conference for this act. It was taken care of at Fall parent teacher conferences. She will meet with them again for Spring parent teacher conferences as well, documenting at both. 3rd grade teachers have to meet with parents twice a year. If a parent does not attend conferences, the teacher still has to contact them to have a phone conference. Notes are to be sent into the state.

5. CTE Health Pathway

Mindy Fleckenstein was unable to be present for the meeting. She sent over a report and Ashley Arnberger delivered it to the council. This year there will be no completers, no one receiving a certificate. 2 students are in her current A & P class, they are considered concentrators. She currently has 5 students in her Chemistry class. None of these students plan to go into healthcare at this time. In order to get a certificate, they need to complete the CNA class. There is no interest in that at this time for her students. Mindy Fleckenstein also reported they did not purchase anything for the curriculum. She has been able to utilize what she already has in her classroom.

6. Enrollment of Non-Resident Students

Ashley Arnberger had a powerpoint presentation she shared with the council. It is basically an open enrollment for non-resident students. The school is required to hold a public hearing, post notice on the website, superintendent has to present a policy and the policy has to be adopted in December regular school board meeting. The board will establish an enrollment capacity. All out of district students will be required to apply. They will only need to apply once. The timeline policy adoption by the board was discussed in November, adopted policy in December and a full policy implementation by January 1st for the new policy. Our school has a large number of out of district students, so this is important for everyone to understand. This is something the state has made every school do.

7. Parent-Teacher Conferences

We had a wonderful turnout for the Fall parent-teacher conferences. The school has made it a goal to raise the percentage of parents who attend conferences. The school was very pleased with this so far. They were held on October 16th. The elementary school had a 93% attendance rate. The middle school attendance rate was 70% and high school was 59%. The MS/HS might try more student led conferences in the spring semester. That helped gain more parents

to participate this round. And some of the teachers gave extra credit points for their attendance as well.

8. FastBridge Benchmark Data Results

Ashley Arnberger and Brandy Spresser shared the Fall Benchmark results from each building level. The areas tested were Reading, Math and Social Emotional Learning. Benchmark scores are a composite score in the categories listed below. Our goal is to have all levels at 80% or above in all categories.

Elementary- Reading was 45%, Math 82%, Social Emotional 74%

Middle School-Reading 56%, Math 54%, Social Emotional 89.7%

High school-Reading 72%, Math 67%, Social Emotional 82%

9. State Assessment Results

Ashley Arnberger presented the results and compared our students at each grade level with where the state numbers currently are. She was pleased that we compare to the state and have some areas even better.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 5:45 in the FACS room at the Rexford building. Agendas and reminders will be sent out. Amy will type minutes and email and send out to the council. They will also be on the school website under Site Council in the District Information under District/Board Information.