

Site Council Minutes
February 11, 2009

Present: Suzy Price, Dustin Dawson, Jenny Mora, Scott Weisbly, Elle Sabala, Marty Parisien, Barbara Whitlock, Mariko Maddock, Kim Castro, Victoria Clark, Hunter Moore

I. Agenda Review

II. Approve last month's minutes

Approved

III. Student Reports

Student representatives reported how the bully proofing lesson went. The lesson was facilitated by 8th grade WEB leaders during the morning classes.

6th grade report: Liked the backpack metaphor.

7th grade report: The student felt like her class didn't take the lesson seriously and there was a lot of side talking.

8th grade report: The lesson went well even with 8th graders giving a lesson to 8th graders.

In addition, the 8th grade representative reported that a group of 8th graders are organizing an after school salsa dance class which will be taught by Jenny Mora.

Finally, students were excited about spirit week and had very positive attitudes about participation.

IV. Outdoor School (Jason)

The 6th grade team wants to plan a community-based fundraiser to help pay for the costs of Outdoor School. They are working on a partnership with the local Carl's Jr. restaurant. The plan is to have selected dates when families will have dinner at Carl's Jr. and the 6th grade team will receive a percentage of the restaurant's evening revenue. April 15th and 29th are the potential dates. Wednesday nights were chosen because it seems like there are less evening activities. The store will look at the increased average sales and will contribute to the outdoor school. This outdoor school's estimated cost is about \$65 per student.

Motion was made and it was approved.

V. School Improvement Plan

How does the merger fit into the SIP?

Suzy shared with the group about how several Kelly staff members visited our feeder schools, Corridor and YG, to communicate with families about the merger. KMS staff also encouraged parents to come to our School Choice meetings. Each visit was about 30-40 min.

Marketing DVD for KMS is almost complete. They will be mailed out next week.

Defining Who We Are/Identity

Elle shared with the group some of what the staff worked on during the retreat. She described the grouping of staff based on how long they had been at Kelly and the activity of making a school timeline. The purpose of the timeline was to first look at where we've been as a school and acknowledge our history in defining our group/school identity.

Mission/vision

Dustin shared the process the staff went through during the retreat to determine both a shared, deliberate and meaningful school mission statement and vision statement. After much word smithing and discussion the staff has narrowed it down to a couple different versions. The survey staff took resulted in the following versions:

- *Mission: The mission of Kelly Middle School is to create an inclusive learning environment that challenges, prepares, and empowers students to be contributing and compassionate citizens of the world.*
- *Vision: Kelly Middle School is a student-centered community recognized for academic excellence, social responsibility, and cultural awareness.*

Strands/Goals

Technology

Inclusion

Parent Involvement

Student Achievement

Wellness

Dual Immersion

Staff continued to present to the parents and students about the different categories being developed in the SIP.

Barbara presented the goals for Student Achievement.

Jenny presented what has been developed so far in terms of wellness. The staff has already implemented some ideas to promote the general “health” of the staff. Elle mentioned the fact that River Road will start a dual immersion program next year and it will have an impact on Kelly in the near future.

An idea of asking students to come up with a fresh new school mascot was raised. We’re maybe looking for something more positive and updated than “Bombers”. The idea that it shouldn’t contradict our Mission Statement also came up. If we want students to be compassionate citizens of the worlds our identity/mascot needs to reflect our values.

We also discussed having a school motto. Suzy gave the example, “We are One.”

What does Site Council feel the staff needs to know as the work continues to enrich the plan?

There will be two more meetings in March for Kelly staff to work further in each group. If parents want to give further input they were instructed to e-mail Suzy with comments and questions.

VI. District Budget Update (Suzy)

This week, the 4J Budget Committee met to begin identifying priorities to guide our budget development for 2009-10. We may have to cut approximately 22 million dollars out of next year’s budget, which is about 10%. The district office is working on budget reduction strategies. Timeline of implementing plans might need to be adjusted. District office has delayed sending staffing allocations out to schools, as they expect to have better information from both the state and federal governments over the next two weeks.

Other:

YG school review: Review was back and we are planning to meet during lunch time again with Kay from the district office.

Student representative’s attendance to the Site Council was appreciated. It was suggested that the students didn’t need to stay for the entire duration of the meeting. The 7th grade student is going to meet with Jenny and the 6th grade student is going to meet with Mariko and talk about their attendance.