

Site Council Meeting Minutes - December 19, 2007

Members in Attendance: Charlie Smith, Convener, Wendy Yess, Tommy Morrow, Shelley Frey, Doris and Rebecca Rinaldi, Janell and Kaycee Schoellhorn, Greg and Iao Harrow, Michelle Bierman and Cecilia Sloan, Recorder

A copy of the Site Council Group Agreements, District Guidelines for Site-Based Decision Making and Kennedy's prior years' School Improvement Plans were distributed for discussion and review.

Site Council Group Agreements

We discussed the goals of our Kennedy Middle School Site Council and what process/procedures will we use to accomplish our goals. Are we an advisory group or a decision-making group. Greg Harrowe discussed Roberts Rules of Order and using them to process our meetings. We also discussed the consensus model which is prevalent in 4J and which is used in our current Site Council Group Agreements. We were also reminded that all Site Council Minutes should be posted on our Kennedy Web Site, to make them available to the public and that we will need to recruit one more teacher to join the Site Council to be in compliance with ***Item 5 Group Membership which states that the membership shall include one administrator, one classified, four certified teachers, three parents and three students.*** Item 3. Purpose of our Group Agreements should be revised to read: The Purpose of the total group meeting will be to provide leadership for Kennedy Middle School, to share information, to provide a support base for school activities, to make decisions relating to school improvement, to review and advise on grants, as needed, and to improve academic achievement for all students (decisions may be in the form of recommendations). Site Council members will continue to carefully read the current Group Agreements and bring back any changes and/or recommendations to the next meeting on January 16.

Kennedy Crusaders/Mascot

Site Council expressed that the discontinuation of our Crusader mascot and selecting a new mascot is a community-wide (parents/staff and students) issue. It was decided that the Site Council members would take responsibility for contacting the group they represent about the matter. Using these minutes as a forum, we are asking parents to contact their grade level Site Council members with their vote/ideas regarding discontinuing our Crusader mascot. Eighth grade parents should contact Doris Rinaldi at Rinaldi5@msn.com, and eighth grade students should contact Rebecca Rinaldi at Rinaldi5@msn.com. Seventh grade parents should contact Janell Schoellhorn at Subarumom@aol.com and seventh grade students should contact Kaycee Schoellhorn at Subarumom@aol.com. Sixth grade parents should contact Greg Harrowe at harrowes@comcast.net and sixth grade students should contact Iao Harrowe at harrowes@comcast.net. Site Council members will make a decision/recommendation at the next meeting on January 16. Tommy Morrow will craft a short proposal regarding the selection of a new mascot for inclusion in the February newsletter.

Agenda for January 16 Site Council Meeting - 4-5:00 pm

Review Group Agreements

Review School Improvement Plan

Review Wording (text) prepared by Tommy Morrow and to be sent out in our February newsletter regarding mascot change proposal.

Update on hand art project by Rebecca Rinaldi

New Items