

## *Site Council Meeting Minutes - September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

### **Members in Attendance:**

Mark Bennett (Convener for Charlie Smith who was absent), Greg and Iao Harrowe, Janell and Kaycee Schoellhorn, Tommy Morrow, Jeremy Cohen and Cecilia Sloan (Recorder)

### **Members Absent:**

Michelle Bierman, Yvonne Twedt, and Charlie Smith

### **Information:**

We have two new teacher representatives this year, Jeremy Cohen and Yvonne Twedt. Site Council members were asked if they knew of a 6<sup>th</sup>-grade parent and student to be our representatives for this coming year. Our meetings will continue throughout the year on the third Wednesday of each month, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. We will continue to meet in the library.

Site Council did a review of the current John F Kennedy Parent Opinion Survey (a draft copy is attached to this email). Suggestions for changes follow:

No. 16 – Change “you” to “How would you like to” receive most of your information about John F Kennedy’s events and issues from...and adding the following 3 options: email, web site and auto dialer.

No. 17 – Eliminate this entire item.

No. 19 – What is your impression of the quality of education provided at our school. Site Council questioned what is really meant by this statement, do we mean well-rounded. Mr. Bennett will work on crafting a more meaningful statement.

No. 20 – Eliminate this entire item.

No. 21 – Eliminate this entire item.

It was suggested that we ask parents to provide us with a list of the two best things about our school along with the one area we most need to work on.

Mark will take the survey and tweak it so that it will help give us direction as a school, keeping in mind that we need to have a clear goal in mind for our John F Kennedy Parent Opinion Survey. Mark Bennett will be sending a copy of a new draft as an attachment to this email.

Greg Harrowe asked if Kennedy keeps and has available the data regarding bullying/harassment. Michelle Bierman keeps impeccable data and will make it available to the Site Council. Iao

Harrowe brought it to our attention that the new system to access the internet is interfering with our students' ability to do their work in the computer lab.

Our district office is working on resolving the related issues. He also reminded us of our proposal from last year to do a hand painting project. It was mentioned that Mr. Hoogendoorn is also interested in working with students to create some murals for the school.

Reminder that all meeting formats will include:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the prior meeting.
2. Establish whether or not we have a quorum present.
3. Follow with a discussion of old business.
4. Follow with a discussion of new business/agenda.
6. Convener to set time limit on agenda items.

Old Business from last year:

1. Naming of a new Kennedy mascot.
2. Discussion of the possibility of pass/fail electives grades.
3. Kennedy School Improvement Plan

Please send agenda items to Charlie Smith, Convener via email---smith\_ch@4j.lane.edu before the next meeting which is scheduled for October 15.

Agenda items for the October 15 meeting:

1. Review and approve minutes from the 9/17 meeting.
2. Establish whether or not we have a quorum present.
3. Old business
  - Naming of a new Kennedy mascot
  - Discussion of the possibility of pass/fail electives grades
  - Kennedy School Improvement Plan
  - Michelle Bierman to bring harassment/bullying data
  - Progress on students ability to work in the computer labs in light of new interference from new security protocol---what is the district doing.
  - Proposal for a student hand painting project
  - Proposal for student murals with Mr. Hoogendoorn
4. New business
  - John F Kennedy Parent Opinion Survey/new draft
  - Other items as they are sent to Mr. Smith, Convener.
5. Convener to set time limit on agenda items.