

Our mission is to create a safe, challenging and nurturing environment where all students succeed.

Pratt Site Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

4:45-6:00 p.m.

Room 201

Purpose: To provide leadership to the Pratt School community and to be committed to implementing the school's mission to meet the educational and social needs of our students while increasing partnerships with families and the community.

Members Present:

- Nancy Vague, Principal (*co-chair*)
- Eric Ziegler, School Social Worker (Special Education Representative) (*secretary*)
- Angie Kraemer, Grade 2 (Primary Grade Representative)
- Mary Pantsari, Grade 4/5 (Intermediate Grade Representative)
- ~~Tim Hurley, Art (Sharing with L. Hoppe)~~
- Linda Hoppe, Physical Education (Sharing with T. Hurley)
- Jan Thurn/~~Susan Larson Fleming~~, Community Representative
- Lissa Steenerson, Family Liaison
- Abdirahman Hassan, Parent Representative
- Andy Martin, Parent Representative
- Jen Peden, Parent Representative (*co-chair*)
- Sara Schulz, Parent Representative
- Georgy Kearney, Parent & PTO Representative

Membership and Meeting Time

Parents prefer 4:45, works better for picking up students at other schools, etc. (sarah not present for input).

Jen-Could possibly look at altering time of meetings based on what we are meeting for

Membership: Bylaws states 3-5 licensed staff members (one from primary, 1 from 3-5, at least one rep from other licensed staff), half of the rep of the racial, cultural ethnic background of the school, 1-2 unlicensed employees, 3-5 parent/guardians, Pratt PTO rep.

Would we want to bump up the number of parents? Can keep drawing from the younger grades to increase potential longevity?

We need to work on our membership better representing the diversity of our student population.

Events Calendar

Every breakfast and books will include Friendship Cafe



Do not list parent meeting info until closer to the date of the actual meeting to keep fluidity of what will be covered.

Do we want to keep Febr. walk to school day?

Febr. 8th standardized test parent meeting

March 8th (Friday) will be Culture Night.

May 31st ice cream social.

[Enrichment Specialist Update](#)

Jane Greene put together a draft summarizing her curriculum proposal meeting music standards while also covering other highly engaging activities.

Enrichment will happen 2x-3x a week.

Everyone will have exposure to STEM one quarter (coding, robotics, etc), music one quarter (CONNECT curriculum), theater/creative writing one quarter (reader's theater, also working with Jen Peden on her connections), and project based learning one quarter.

MUSIC

Pk-3 Ms. Katy for music

4-5 artist in residence-hopefully aimed at musical instruments.

[Artist In Residence Planning](#)

Important to find artists that represent diversity of our students.

Kraemer found an African American woman group through Ordway that highlights how we are all connected and incorporates some of our character traits. She is pursuing this possibility.

1st grade also has a dancer in residence that comes in for 4-8 weeks.

Hoppe targeted 3rd grade for another artist in residence, it's in the final stages of approval for the grant.

We want to start with Jane as a point person and work to find artists that best represent our student population and address their needs and interests pK-5.

We also need to be mindful of tying it into curriculum being presented at the time as well.

Jen Peden is trying to incorporate artists who come in with their own sources of funding.



Families with suggestions can touch base with Jane Greene. Lissa is also taking suggestions and passing on feasible/viable and realistic options to Jane after doing some of that background research too, in order to alleviate how much Jane has to research.

School/Family Communication Revisited

Some parents were unaware of after school ending. It was not presented on the website, calendar, or latest Pratt Press.

Mr. Ricky is an employee for both Eastside Neighborhood Services and Minneapolis Public Schools.

He will be able to update the website in the future.

The calendar will also have an end date for ALC in the future, at least as soon as possible, when we know what that end date is.

OTHER UPDATES

Over 20 tickets have been sold for the MN United soccer game this Sunday at 1pm.

Climate survey came out. Can be done online or paper. 15 online, 3 in paper have come back.

Jan will be phasing out the before school fitness classes. T/Th morning yoga will discontinue next year. Will add Thursday night for community ed classes, Wednesdays will be lighter and finish earlier next year. Also adding Saturday events for youth (for example, a Saturday chess club, kids crochet, kids dance).

Next meeting cancelled

Actions Promised

Nancy/Jen-will send out email asking who wants to return/join SITE Council

Nancy-Will propose to staff when we can have our evening parent conferences instead of Valentine's Day
- will share talk with Eastside about concerns over ALC days off/notification thereof

Lissa-will check with district about winter walk to school day, connect with Sanford's family liaison about when their open house is in August, also check district flexibility with parent conferences on Valentine's Day, making sure the website/calendar is updated with ALC dates, will also reach out to Eastside about their calendar next year.

Next Meeting: TBD



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