

Site Council Meeting

9-19-17

ATTENDEES; Jen Peden (co-chair), Angie Kraemer (teacher), Tim Hurle (teacher), Abirhaman Hassan (parent), Andy Martin (parent), Nancy Kruse (teacher), Gini Sanchez (parent- temp parent liaison), Nancy Vague (co-chair- principal)- Susan Larson-Flemming-(community partner) Eric Ziegler (School Social Worker)

ABSENT:

SITE COUNCIL BYLAWS- Attendance is important to maintain momentum and ensure comprehensive leadership on the team. We are trying to add a PTO rep to the SLT meeting.

Discussion about how to best communicate SLT action to families. Email blast? Round table discussion? Survey monkey? Robo calls are preferred by many. Texts are a good way to communicate as well.

FAMILY LIAISON UPDATE

Nancy- We are searching for a new liaison with the departure of Lynn. We will miss Lynn as she built up our parent involvement during her tenure. Nancy and Eric talked about next steps and what is needed for parent liaison and a couple of individuals contacted Nancy who were interested in the position. In collaboration with parent to vet the questions, candidates were interviewed and an offer has been made. An announcement will be coming soon.

2017 CURRICULUM NIGHT REVIEW

Grade 3-5- 40 parents and 30 kids

Grade high5/k-2 50 parents and 60 kids

While too much food was ordered, we were appreciative that Ucare donations were provided and used to help cover the cost of food. 100 families have more than 1 child at Pratt School.

What is the possibility of doing a rotation of k-2 meeting with parents while specialists talk? Parent asked if it would be possible to video tape the teacher presentation. What is our goal for curriculum night? As a parent, October and November I find I have specific questions that I would like to get answered. Could use some more information about the math curriculum. Possibly use breakfast and books to talk about curriculum based upon goals. Parents like to see the kids and classroom but there is not a big commitment. Parents enjoyed having specialist teachers be available to talk about their curriculum. Parents were taking pictures of slides and hoping to have powerpoint presentation. Possibility of curriculum EXPO where there are a number of different booths where families can get info. And there would be a mix of media that might free up teachers to answer individual questions. Build in time for parents to meet each other and build relationships and meet other parents in their child's classroom.

2017-18 BREAKFAST AND BOOK TOPICS

Breakfast and books is opportunity for parents to have breakfast and read with their children in classroom. Recently added coffee sponsored by PTO

- OCTOBER 6TH- CPS update led by Nancy. There also needs to be a TITLE ONE meeting to talk about Parent/School compact, so Nancy will lead on both topics.
- DECEMBER 9. TOPIC- helping your child in math...
- JANUARY 19TH BREAKFAST AND BOOKS WITH ELL MEETING. (This is not currently on the Pratt calendar)
- FEBRUARY 9th- summer enrichment- Eric and parent liaison
- APRIL- PROJECT BASED LEARNING- JEN

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL UPDATE- Associate Superintendent suggested that we move forward on items that will improve our school, but there is some lack of clarity around whether this is an initiative that the school board would like to continue. We will continue to listen to what the superintendent and school board decide regarding this topic.

We will continue to build project based learning into our school curriculum in order to build on supporting the whole child.

ELL PARENT MEETING- Teachers would like to speak at breakfast and books to communicate

SIP- handout provided to members of SLT. Emphasizing Character Education, Focus time, AMAZE curriculum and teacher learning communities, and project based learning.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN UP-

Paper sign up sheets up during curriculum night; school secretary will put them into google doc. Should we use digital sign up? Do we need paper sign up? Or paper that goes home with child that has 3 choices of times.

ACTIONS:

1. Nancy and Jen will talk with PTO co-chairs about next step in developing stronger connection between SLT and PTO (i.e. PTO having representative on SLT)
2. Jen will talk with parents about what is the best way (structured) to have round table with families to hear about SLT discussion/action
3. SLT will make decision regarding structure and plan for curriculum night 2018.
4. BREAKFAST AND BOOKS DECEMBER 8TH- Nancy will work with Jane Greene to set up speaker and will hear from parents regarding what they are interested in.
5. NOVEMBER SLT- talk about December breakfast and books math topic.