

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

Pratt Site Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

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)
- Nancy Kruse, Grade 3 (Intermediate Grade Representative)
- Tim Hurley, Art (Sharing with L. Hoppe)
- ~~Linda Hoppe, Physical Education (Sharing with T. Hurley)~~
- Jan Thurn/~~Susan Larson Fleming~~, Community
- 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

Guests:

- Stephanie Allen, Parent

Minutes:

2016-17 Family Survey Results (Jen Peden) –Survey consists of 24 questions. Maybe consider mini survey during big events. Breakfast and books, or conferences; or ... Family survey appears to be one way to get parent feedback, but getting info in a variety of ways/formats may be more effective.

Some problems with the survey in general- It helps most with helping us know what nights work well to meet, what events are well attended and what programs for family outreach are most well-liked. Survey trends towards people who want to commend the the good things or bring out the complaints. There does not appear to be enough middle ground. Survey does a better job of pulling out some antidotal information. Also some interesting trends regarding East African families regarding themselves as African American. Some of our programming may be based upon cultural labels that might be changing or disappearing.

Curriculum Night 2018-19 (one or two nights)? Split – 55% two, 44% one... liked hearing from specialist. Specialist want one night only because most are part time. We don't want to start ½ rotation times. Parents like to have the childcare and getting to know the other families.

- One night only
- Early in September was good
- Specialists will be included in some way
- Each grade level to present only once but schedule split so not all are at the same time.



- Final plan to be determined by staff

Community roundtable Discussions by Site Council –95% said of respondents said yes. Site Council will look at schedule and format next month. Possibly holding it off site.

Possible Funding Source – parents who expected to pay for school lunch, they wanted to help support the school. Is there a fundraising kind of thing we could do? Snacks in the afternoon would be great!!! We can order snacks through our school kitchen. Do we let the PTO tackle it? \$1700 for just kindergarten for the school year.

Family Liaison- Lissa Steenerson

- School snack project
- Visit our school – coming up. In the past it has been done on Saturdays. Wondering if they should come during the week. They still have to schedule a school. Doing it on Unity day on the 25th of October. Having a coffee group and talk to parents that have kids in the school
- Talks about getting parents in for conferences with Eric.

Sheridan Story – Give kids food in their backpacks delivered on Friday. They put the food in the backpacks (church across the street is sponsoring). Eric is calling and trying to get more families to sign up. The labor and fundraising may not match the need. Maybe send out flyers. This fall we had all those fresh vegetables.

Culture Night Pre-Planning , set for March 9th on the school calendar

Discussion about who own the event; PTO or the school. Who owns that? Has been a wide range over the years (started with teachers then finally turned over to PTO). For a couple of years Lynn (family liaison) took it over and got it organized.

We are hoping to find ways to utilize the support of PTO for the food and involve the students more.

Action: Nancy and Jen will send out a survey to families to get their thoughts about the event.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2017

