

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



Pratt Site Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
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)
- 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

COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE:

Last year we had budget questions and the parents wanted more opportunities to check in on SLT decisions. Other schools have used a community round table to provide parents with an opportunity to talk about issues they are concerned about and to provide feedback on issues they care about. Might be helpful to share with parents about how we have managed budget constraints in the past. Make a piece of the time be set aside for questions for the principal and site council.

Parents are starting to talk about what they are hearing in the news about MPS cuts in budget.

NANCY- ERIC - Location- Pratt, Luxton, 515 15th,

Question- can we make it off site and if so where would it be? What content would be the most helpful? Do we need a check in for curriculum? Or other topics would be more helpful?

JEN- Short survey to find out where they would go and what topic they are most interested in.

Action: Jen, Nancy, Lissa and Eric will work to identify the date, location and format.

MPS BUDGET FOCUS GROUP- Sara Schultz

Two representatives from MPS budget office talked about history. Attendees had opportunity to pick the things that were most important to them. This process connected to survey that was sent out to staff and parents. Everyone in attendance had to make forced choice of two items. People enjoyed being a part of the process. Also appreciated getting chance to participate in the process. Felt like a exercise in values. Some of the words were triggers for positive and negative feelings. Small schools- there was concerned that they would close Pratt and staff mentioned that there were a few schools that were smaller than Pratt. General feeling that this was a worthwhile process.

FAMILY LIAISON UPDATE

NAFID is this Thursday- Breakfast with kids; Lona will do storytelling and Hand drums. Parents are invited to attend and also coffee with principal/Eric and Lissa afterward.

SCHOOL CONFERENCE FOLLOW UP- Many parents who did not attend have said that they did not attend due to having young children at home. Parents also talked about having scheduling conflicts. A number of parents said that they would like to have a phone conference. Many East African parents said that LISSA - they wanted a personal call to get signed up for conferences.

CULTURE NIGHT PLANNING

Lots of people wanted community dinner and performances in the gym. People less interested in book fair and passports (50/50) – potluck is very engaging with lots of food from variety of cultures. Historically PTO has taken leadership on dinner. Funding in the budget for food. Lyssa is school rep for culture night.

Mixed reviews on the book fair, mixed reviews on the passport tables, overall liking of student performance and community food. What does culture mean?

Action: LISSA- NEXT STEP- working committee on who is doing what activities. Will include a staff member.

Next Meeting: December 19, 2017 (Tentative. If there are no pressing agenda items, we will cancel.)