

**Riverdale Grade School  
Site Council Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2019  
7:30am  
RGS Conference Room**

In attendance: Joanna Tobin, Heidi Hutchinson, Rylie Laskowski, Michelle Greissing, Chrisie Patrick, Elizabeth Gibson, Kottur Vasanth, Sonia Munoz, Aaron Chang, Brian Black

**Welcome**  
7:30 am

**Review of the Bylaws**  
Approved, Elizabeth Gibson as recorder

**Agenda**

- Update on approved PTC Grants (6 grants approved for approximately \$11,000 of the \$14,000)
- Bylaws review to include Elizabeth's role
- School Improvement Plan Review and finalize
- Discussion of RGS Equity Team (ask for one parent Site Council Member?)
- Discuss December agenda

**Overview of:**

**Grants**

- Science Conference in Seattle - Rylie - 3rd teacher, Dietrich, 7/8 teacher? Dietrich has been, Rylie hasn't been yet, brings a lot of hands on opportunities, use stemsopes - how can we use in our curriculum and be more hands on. Connected to next generation science curriculum. Put on by National Teachers Association
- 7/8 opportunity through young audiences - but aren't able to come anymore, bring in pieces - What's your story? Goal is to find something to still meet this content
- Hokki stools. Doesn't balance, occupies need for movement while still learning, available for any child who would benefit from it. Trial and error, some kids want to use and some don't
- 500 dollars for more falcon feather swag, like hats, water bottles and socks, want to revive love with falcon feathers, especially with older kids, positive push
- Christie Strange - A larger labyrinth, kids can do when walking through the hallway, two hallway sensory experiences, one is a snake, 8 by 12ish. Walk on

the snake and recenter, one will go up by Brian's room, it's an infinity, it's on the floor and they walk the experience.

When will they be implemented?

- 2nd grade wants a new field trip - students get field guide and navigate through Tryon Creek, fits with science standards. Trip allows for all second graders to go  
14k from PTC, so still have 3k

### **School improvement plan review**

- Used to be a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools but disbanded as an organization, so our wording is intended to capture their principles
- Ruler approach? We don't have time right now to do a great job with it - would be better to do a small amount of things well
- Suggestion from Heidi - more general terms in this, to have social emotional as umbrella - idea of this is to sync up to district continuous improvement plan - CIP is more detailed in timeline and steps. Interest with this is a really good communication tool
- Self determined - strategic plan language, talked a lot about population that we have and encouraging students to be leaders of their own education
- Wellbeing and respect and civic mindedness - Adding A and B to the plan
- With so much new curriculum, realistically have 15 min to plan week together, curriculum development - have more time for this - added to #4 provide staff
- Joanna- Getting at the heart of academic pieces, looking at multi tiers of support and calling those pieces out, what's captured here is syncing up with district pieces
- Not addressing improving curriculum and instruction across the board, not just for special kids, Suggest we get a little specific on what
- New curriculum (house bill) changed for social studies for more Native Americans
- Developing a plan for how science conference gain knowledge from those teachers and time to implement
- And be open to new curriculum - speak more generally to concept
- Monitor and adjust staff schedules ? - ex: complete overhaul of educational assistants schedules. need more support - referrals have tripled. Have roaming substitute to support. Want counsel help to shape what's needed

**Equity** - forming a team - handful of staff interested, Cayla Papke, Jeff Robinson, Erika Andrews, Nigel Burton from community

Would love a connection to SITE Council

Would love to include students - need to figure out how

**December meeting** - Agenda: finalize the plan draft,

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 18

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.