

Riverdale Grade School Site Council  
Meeting Minutes 9-21-16

Members present: Tugrul Daim, Carrington Light, Joanna Tobin, Tiana Dixon, Paige Witte, Alison Barron, Brian Black, Sharon Whitehill

- I. Meeting commenced at 7:30 AM by Tugrul Daim
  - II. Welcome
  - III. Tugrul noted that Kerri Hoffman asked for a replacement to Site Council
    - A. Review of bylaws
      1. Special election based on Vacancy
        - a) Heather Crow can run the election
      2. Joanna noted that we still don't have a classified member on site council
    - B. Carrington moved to get classified staff member and special election
      1. Second by Tiana
      2. Voted and approved
  - IV. Welcome again
    - A. Review of agenda
  - V. Joanna reviewed 21st Century Schools Councils Policy
    - A. Annual training: Support, not lawing-making group
    - B. Tugrul noted duties in the Bylaws
      1. Sharon brought up grants duties
        - a) Joanna noted that Site Council has a place to review grants
        - b) Joanna suggested teachers on Site Council serve as liaisons to PTC grants
          - (1) Joanna moved to have teachers be a sounding board for grants
          - (2) Alison Barron seconded the motion
          - (3) Approved
      - C. Joanna suggested working on the School Improvement Plan this year
  - VI. Common Principles of Coalition of Essential Schools
    - A. Connecting our goals in Site Council to the principles of CES
  - VII. Habits of Mind
    - A. Joanna: teachers have continued work
    - B. Alison noted changes to HOM
      1. CORE HABITS
        - Managing Impulsivity
        - Listening with Empathy
        - Persistence
        - Striving for Accuracy
- Year 1:
- Gathering Data Through All Senses
  - Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision

- Finding Humor
- Thinking Interdependently
- Taking Responsible Risks
- Thinking Flexibly

Year 2:

- Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations
- Questioning and Posing Problems
- Creating, Imagining, Innovating
- Thinking about Thinking
- Responding with Wonderment and Awe
- Remaining Open to Continuous Learning

C. Joanna asked someone to research HOM PD: Alison Barron

#### VIII. Agendas for the fall

- A. Tugrul suggested moving December's meeting from the 21st to the 14th
  1. Approved
- B. Carrington would like to see Site Council's role of instructional materials
  1. Carrington to talk to Lisa about what the HOM staff library
- C. Sharon asked to focus on CES principle: democracy and equity
  1. Tiana: Need for a survey on school culture?
  2. Using data to make a change
  3. What would the intent of the survey be?
- D. Sharing of instructional practices - what does that look like?
  1. Data
  2. Differentiation
  3. Sharon mentioned SBAC results - grade level areas that could be focused on

#### IX. Student Data

- A. Tugrul asked if that was a Site Council review
- B. Joanna noted that in a small school like RGS, it becomes easy to identify certain students
- C. Paige: spectrum of learning - how are the needs of all students met?
- D. Tiana: what does differentiation look?
- E. Joanna suggested that perhaps staff isn't communicating what teachers are doing to meet those needs

#### X. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM