

LAURELWOOD SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 16, 2012

Members Attending:

Scott Bartell	Patti Bell	Brenda Bricco
Erin Evers	Jennifer Gray	Leslie Kloes
Joy Shmueli	Amber Wacht	

Members Absent:

Bhawna Madaan Sekhar Varnasi

1. We welcomed new members and introduced the group.
2. Minutes from August 21st approved (1st-Brenda 2nd Scott); agenda for tonight's meeting reviewed.
3. Site News:
 - a. Latest API score is **933**, up from 926 in 2011
 - b. Currently have 641 Students enrolled
4. Reviewed & passed SLIP Budget (Leslie moves to pass, Erin 2nds it).
 - a. Amber New Business: Can we just buy a 'Science Kit' we will be at Science Camp, and it would just be easier to just have it here, we can't get it early due to testing. Should talk to April Lincoln or Sandy Orr (Cost was approx. \$1200?).
5. Selection of officers (Joy motioned approval of officers; Leslie seconded)
 - a. Erin Evers appointed to Chairperson
 - b. Amber Wacht appointed to Vice-Chairperson
 - c. Scott Bartell appointed to Secretary
 - i. Scott mentioned that he would relinquish spot if Bhwana or Sekhar would like
 - d. We will examine and update By-Laws for next year so we will have co-chairs instead of chair and vice-chair
6. District News
 - a. Many new administrators in the district
7. Site News
 - a. Briefly discussed new math curriculum and non-fiction writing.
8. Discussion Topic – California Healthy Kids Results
 - a. Joy walked us through the Healthy Kids Survey (this packet was handed out) Lots of interesting facts. This is done in 5th grade, we had approx. 28 kids in each of our 5th grades.
 - b. Alcohol was interesting, it was nice that DARE addressed this from Mom/Dad having a glass of wine, to all out abuse.
 - c. Perception of: Feeling safe at school "no never 5%" is alarming and this will be addressed right away. Outside of school "no never 5%" (Amber brought up the fact that last year we had the shooter in the neighborhood!)
 - d. Hit or pushed at school (not in play) "yes all the time" 2%
 - e. Mean Rumors "Yes all the time" 6%
 - f. Cyber Bullying "sometimes" 13%
 - g. Left alone at home brought up some questions about the legality of age, Joy will look into this also.
 - h. Body Image "too fat" 6% "trying to lose weight" 28%
 - i. 63% of kids report high level of a caring relationship w/ a teacher or adult at school, per Joy this number needs to go UP!!

9. Next Meeting – Nov 20, 2012 at 6:00 pm

10. New Business

- a. Amber: New News, Future SLIP budget if we could get ST Math for Laurelwood, it's a strong tool for kids, K-5th, the cost is lower than what we are using, allows for our EL's and its concrete to our standards. ST Math is being used at Haman, Westwood, Montague and 3 others.
 - i. No text; it is all learner abstract and text book is on line.
 - ii. Jennifer asked how are the other schools funding this, Joy will look into it.
 - iii. Leslie – Based on the past several years we have 'leftover' money at the end of the year, that could fund this, it's normally between \$15,000-\$19,000.

11. Adjournment