

Laurelwood Elementary School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2014

Present: Erin Evers, Jennifer Gray, Joy Shmueli, Amber Wacht, Diana Morlang, Susan Auclair, Linda Varveris, Debbie Tolosko, Sekhar Varnasi (also at ELAC),

Absent: Scott Bartell,

Guests: Daphne Weils, David Wright, Sabrina Rumford, Jen Wright, None

1. Diana opened the meeting at 5:06 by reviewing the agenda.
2. Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was seconded and approved.
 - a. Erin will go back and send the info for the online locker.
 - b. Linda moved to approve minutes; Debbie seconded. Minutes approved.
 - c. On the agenda, Linda proposed to move #7 to item #3. Erin seconded. Minutes re-ordered.
 - d. On Item #3 is for Jennifer and Linda.
3. Discussion of potential new members.
 - a. Joy received 1 statement of interest (Sabrina Rumford); 1 person is interested but worried about work schedule. Debbie knows her and recommends her.
 - b. Susan moved to approve Sabrina for next year; Debbie seconded. Sabrina is approved as a member.
 - c. Joy is happy to put out another call (post) to recruit for others.
 - d. We need three more parents; and one DLAC/ELAC rep (who can be parent).
 - e. Jennifer will talk to David Wright.
4. Jennifer & Linda gave update on Common Core
 - a. We watched video on the common core by teacher in NY
 - b. We took notes and discussed.
 - c. Technology was raised as a concern; something needed for common core and something we lag.
 - d. How do we find ways to fish out new vocabulary for EL perspective? We use language lab, but it is a challenge to know all these new words and concepts.
5. Joy gave an update on district & site news
 - a. Next meeting Joy will ask us to approve an amended SPSA. We are getting some money. The district when thru FPM (federal program). The district spent money in a way that was not transparent enough. So the district had to go back and added carryover of EIA funds (we have 40% now) to Laurelwood but it must be spent under the EIA restrictions (something like \$66,000). About \$7K goes to Vicki V. for ELA. As a staff, we discussed spending \$20K to have reading specialist 5 days per week. This money must be spent by July 2015. Must be spent directly on EL students.
 - b. We have only received general funds in SPSA. There is some re-alignment and it looks like we will get targeted allocations of \$71K. This money comes with strings but not focused on EL.
 - c. The reading specialist may have to be paid by Laurelwood. It was paid for by the district prior (\$20K). We funded it at \$30K. Joy is checking to see if Laurelwood have to pay for this out of our \$71K.
 - d. We have to approve at our next site council (May).
6. Joy said open house is coming up.

7. Looking for Project Cornerstone program parent helper. It is a train the trainer role. It is a twice a month commitment. They are looking for two people: one for older kids and one for younger kids. They will recruit at open house.
8. 5th grade is giving the science STAR test next week.
9. Diana adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.
 - a. Joy moved to adjourn and Linda seconded.