

Laurelwood Elementary School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014

Present: Susan Auclair, Scott Bartell, Jennifer Gray, Diana Morlang, Joy Schmueli, Debbie Tolosko, Sekhar Varnasi, Linda Varveris, Amber Wacht.

1. Diana opened the meeting at 6 pm by discussing and adopting the updated agenda.
2. No minutes were available for the January meeting. We will review and approve meeting minutes for January and March at the next meeting. If you have meeting minutes for January please forward to dmorlang@gmail.com
3. Joy gave an update on District news:
 - a. Laurelwood was well represented at the Triton Family Art Day (3/1/14) and Young Writers Expo (3/12/14).
 - b. Testing for this spring was discussed although Joy will receive more information about this later in March. The testing window for Laurelwood will be 4/21/14-5/9/14 for the Smarter Balance tests. These are just field tests, and the results will not be available for individual students, classes, or schools. The schedule for these tests will be week 1: ELA in the computer lab; week 2; math in the computer lab; week 3: performance tests in the classroom and the lab. MAC tests are taking place this week.
 - c. Joy discussed information about the new Agnews school site.
 - d. Joy also discussed school visits made by district administrators including all principals to Wilcox HS; they will continue these visits next to Buchser Middle School.
4. Joy gave an update on site news:
 - a. Read Across America was the first week in March. The school had a wide range of readers visit classes, including the mayor who spoke to the whole 5th grade. Brenda Bricco's second grade class was featured on NBC local news.
 - b. Laurelwood held conferences this week and distributed report cards last week.
 - c. 5th grade will conduct the Healthy Student survey next week. This will be online. Parents and teachers will also receive a survey later.
 - d. Laurelwood is stable at 696 students. We discussed what will happen as bigger grade size moves into fourth grade next year (reflecting the new normal at LW). Discussed the possibility of smaller class sizes for K-2nd to a 24:1 ratio. Joy does not see this happening next year.
5. Joy gave a presentation on the new funding model called Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).
6. We discussed the timeline and process for recruiting new members to the SSC. Joy will post an invitation to parents to express interest in joining the SSC next year in the next newsletter

(next week) and in additional communications to parents up until the April deadline. Interested parents will need to indicate their interest in time for them to be considered by the current SSC in the next meeting at the end of April. Then newly approved candidates must attend the May meeting. Because several of the current parent members are ending their terms we anticipate four vacancies on the SSC next year, including the parent ELAC member. Two teachers will also finish their terms this year and need replacement.

7. We discussed topics of interest in the last two meetings for this year, including Language labs, technology and common core. Ultimately we decided to seek presenters about the common core as it affects elementary school teaching for the next meeting. Joy, Amber and Jennifer will consider presenting.

8. Diana adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.