

Laurelwood Elementary School  
School Site Council Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2013

Present: Erin Evers, Jennifer Gray, Joy Shmueli, Amber Wacht, Diana Morlang, Susan Auclair, Linda Varveris

Absent: Debbie Tolosko, Sekhar Varnasi,

Guests: Daphne Weils, David Wright, Sabrina Rumford, Jen Wright

1. Amber called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Amber reviewed the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting. No motion since we do not have a quorum to approve the minutes.
3. Joy gave a brief update on District News.
  - a. Do not know what is going to happen with the potential land purchase by the district.
4. Joy gave an update on Site News.
  - a. We are 10 from capacity.
  - b. Finished parent conferences.
  - c. Heading into report cards.
  - d. Completed our walk-a-thon.
5. Sekhar was not in attendance.
  - a. Joy did mention that one of the things at the last meeting she recalled was celebrating the students who move to fluency. Students want to have this celebrated, but note it as they are bi or tri lingual. Joy will work with Vicki on this going forward.
6. Amber reviewed the bi-laws.
  - a. Linda had two corrections.
    - i. Section 4 term of office – thinks the sentence is awkward. Suggested that it read “A voting member may serve consecutively as long as there are no others who want to serve.”
    - ii. Article 6 Section 4 should say co-chairpersons (plural).
  - b. We will change the grammatical errors we did not catch last time and then update it online.
  - c. We will publish after edits to the school loop page.
    - i. Joy will post to the public page after Erin makes the edits.
7. Joy reviewed the SIPSA
  - a. Amber: this is one of our main objectives as a SSC. Goes to the school board for approval.
  - b. Joy: in the past, the school plan for Laurelwood it has been centered on 3 academic areas and English as second language. We are already high performing. Based on no child left behind, our goal is 100%.
  - c. Diana: how far are we off?
  - d. Joy: we are 86% school wide. We are in top 10% of all schools.
  - e. Joy: we don't know what happens if we do not hit the 100%. Used to be that we would put on a performance improvement plan.
  - f. Joy: discussed with school leadership math, science and language arts school as well as English language learners. Talking about conflict management, getting kids mentally prepared as well as physically prepared (breakfast in am).
  - g. Raz Kids is supported by PTA; Aleks is funding through SIPSA.

- h. Joy: want to keep EL goal, make school readiness goal. Need 4 goals. These are the ones we suggested; cannot vote on these tonight.
  - i. School Readiness can be combined with school wellness.
    - 1. Project Cornerstone could be under here.
  - ii. Enrichment Goal
    - 1. Leadership goal – conflict manager could be goal.
    - 2. Put the art, music under this goal.
    - 3. Need to come up with a SMART goal for this to measure.
      - a. Strategic, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Trackable.
  - iii. Combining the Math, Science, and ELA into one goal
  - iv. EL goal.
    - 1. Linda: would love to see music back. We do have concerts. Starting Arts. It is expensive.
- 8. Every grant needs to go through the district for approval.
- 9. Amber adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.