

Waite Park PTA Meeting – October 12th, 2023

★Principal's Update Site Council Presentation:

Upcoming site council meetings:

12/14/23 Site council meeting that will go over data from Ms. Bauer's intervention group

2/22/24 8:00am Budget meeting with staff

3/14/24 Final Budget presentation

6/13/24 Final data review for site council (and likely a celebration!)

Site council is a site based group with goals to increase academic achievement and allows families, staff, community members and students to give input and advise school staff. They don't have authority to make decisions, but can give input towards decisions.

School improvement plan: Year 2 of implementation. Academic achievement: intervention team with teacher and two associate educators for each student, Student Well-being: curriculum transformation through culturally responsive lens, ongoing staff personal development, Effective Staff: collaborative team structure, School Climate: Curriculum transformation.

Academic goal for FAST testing 2-5th grade for reading increase from 64% to 68% exceed low risk or exceeding, from the fall FAST testing, currently at 64%. Goal for 2025 is to increase from 64-76%.

For Math, increase from 56-60%, fall screener was 71%.

In reading and Math, we beat the odds over the predicted proficiency versus actual proficiency.

<https://www.startribune.com/which-minnesota-schools-are-doing-better-than-expected-poverty-levels-math-reading-scores-mcas/600307963/>

Student well-being goal was students in grades 3-5 that feel like they have an adult they can talk to for 80%, and met the goal at 84%.

Powerpoints for the site council will be on the website if you are interested in more information.

Other updates: hired media specialist, she will go into classrooms after MEA and go over how to check out books, M-Th 10-3. There won't be a weekly specialist time, but there will be opportunities to check out media items.

Hired another 25 hour week AE to help in the office, lunch duty, recess, and social emotional support. Then we will be fully staffed!!

2nd grade will be trying the Hennepin County free bussing to take a field trip to an urban farm next week. School will also look into hiring private busses through PTA.

★Community Ed Update:

GEMS/GISE has started. After school community education will start in mid-November. Flyers going home tomorrow. Online registration will run for a couple of weeks.

★Minneapolis Parks Update: Not Available

★Treasurers Update Amending budget: Boosterthon never billed for a payment, and they're now asking for \$8,953 (being paid). Removing line item for IXL subscription for \$1800 for 4/5th

grade. Instead, 4/5th grades are using the Freckles curriculum and it is being funded from the grant pool. Budget was amended and passed.

★Grants Committee Update:

\$2,300 for Freckles curriculum was passed.

★Upcoming Events/Volunteers Say Boo to the Flu!

El Taco Riendo will have a free meal from 5-7pm from their food truck. The PTA will be selling root boo floats \$1 in the cafeteria, and the scholastic book fair will be there from 4-7pm.

Please make a flu shot appointment ahead of time and bring your insurance card:

<https://signup.com/go/CUUzFsy>

MN Boo-nited will have a costume soccer scrimmage with free pizza that same night 5-6:30pm!

We could use volunteers for the book fair and flu clinic, sign up here:

<https://signup.com/go/JKmotks>

We are looking for data entry volunteers to help with creating our family directory, please email waiteparkpta1@gmail.com if you're interested!