



JJ Site Council Minutes

11/2/16

Attendees

Travis Schwan, Dennis Lester, Annie Diaz, Barb Harris, Bryanna Myers, Diane Dunou, Kris Gonzalez, Pam Wright, Sarah Kakritz, Mandy Hess

Minutes

Old Business

1. Meeting started at 3:22 p.m. Mrs. Wright welcomed everyone.
2. Today's purpose is to go over By-laws. Wright led discussion.
 - Annie Diaz is the facilitator. She will communicate the minutes to all staff members.
 - Based on feedback from last meeting, Wright got some answers from Superintendent's office. Site Council is a state statute. Yes, we must need to meet once per month.
 - There should be permanent members for the year. These members are the only voting members. However, you can send a team member in for you to gather information if you will be absent.
 - Harris asked for clarification. Diaz reiterated that anyone can be visitor and attend meeting, but only permanent panel members are voting members.
 - Diaz asked for permanent panel members to let her know if they would be absent. If continually absent, then Site Council would revise the panel and perhaps open up the position to new member.
 - Kakritz asked for a copy of bylaws with possible changes/revisions marked. Diaz will send out possible revisions for members to review.
 - Lester referred to specific section of bylaws regarding how minutes of Site Council meetings shared to community and staff. Suggested to make minutes available to JJ website for community members.
 - Diaz will give minutes for website, email copy to employees. On JJ journal, there will be an added statement to direct community to website for copy of minutes.
 - Kakritz expressed concern about adjusting bylaws--are there state statute restrictions?
 - Wright explained that Site Council used to be about budget and making decisions on how to allocate money. Lester agreed, and Wright explained how controlled it is now.

- Diaz explained that this was a handbook, not bylaws. They are to be reviewed on an annual basis. Wright and Diaz pointed out that the last time the handbook was reviewed was in 2010, with the last revision made in April 2003.

New Business

1. Provide feedback to district regarding upcoming possible adoption
 - Wright provided possible adoption materials, all aligned to AZCCRS (Common Core)
 - i. K-5 math materials update
 - ii. 6-8 new reading adoption
 - iii. K-3 reading adoption with focus on phonics
 - iv. K-5 reading adoption, no focus on phonics, but buy licenses for shorter span/fewer number of licences for SuccessMaker
 - v. Do nothing--wait and spend money on Professional Development (PD).
 - Kakritz feels there is no need for new basal reading adoption in younger grades, but okay with phonics.
 - DeHart explained the idea behind a K-5 reading adoption is continuity.
 - Diaz explained that phonics, strategies, assessments, progress monitoring in our current Harcourt materials is not as strong/high quality as our needs are. Continuity across grade levels is good.
 - Schwan would like to know what the math update means/looks like. More INV, updated curriculum to address gaps?
 - DeHart finds a strong need for phonics; all members agreed. She also suggested for more literature libraries on campuses and more non-fiction materials similar to ACT Now.
 - Wright summarized that Site Council finds greatest need to be in phonics and supplemental math resources.
 - Wright and Diaz asked how members feel about SuccessMaker, for both reading and math. Lester, Schwan, Dunou agreed that it is not strong enough for math, and there are other options out there for math (Khan Academy) and reading to look into/utilized instead. Diaz and Wright named a few reading options that might better meet the needs of our students.
 - Schwan said PD needs to be more on how to implement, not just a materials training. Diaz said PD needs to go beyond a one-day overview; there should be follow-up.
 - Wright reviewed feedback and will look through notes and minutes before providing feedback to District. All agreed our priority is to wait.
2. Next meeting on 12/7 at 3 p.m. Site Council will review and revise handbook. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. by Wright.