

Onaga Site Council Minutes for May 6, 2009

Those attending: President, Michele Reisinger, Robin Kolterman, Dan Peters, Debbie Berges, Sandra Zahn and Roger Stumpf.

Minutes were reviewed. Motion for approval by Sandra Zahn, second Debbie Berges. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Anti Bullying program: committee members are still meeting to fine tune the process. The electronic incident reporting system still has a few bugs so paper copies are being filled out when there is a bullying incident. These incidents are infrequent.

Wellness Committee: The committee is looking towards next year and Robin Kolterman reported that she has applied to have the Body Venture program in the school next January. This is a program for grades kindergarten to 5th and is an enclosed 40 x 45 foot walk-through exhibit representing the human body. The exhibit has eleven stations inside where volunteer presenters engage the students in a five minute activity focused on that part of the body and how to make healthy food choices and being physically active.

Counselors Report

Mrs. Berges reported that guest speaker Rob Simon would be in the school on May 8 to speak to grades 1 through 12 on "Taking charge of your life". He uses music and humor to talk to kids about important issues in their lives and making good decisions. The remainder of the "Drug Free School" funds were used to pay for the program.

The 6th-8th grade R-Squad (recycling group) took a field trip to Langley Recycling in Topeka where students watched in fascination as entire cars were being smashed. They then toured the Rescue Mission dorms and distribution center and on the way home they visited Jeffery Energy Center. This was a wonderful, first hand educational experience for these students that they would never get from sitting in a class room.

Mrs. Berges also reported that six members of the R-Squad visited with the County Commissioners to discuss their support of continuing the recycling program in Pottawatomie county. Students were able to observe a part of the political process and had the chance to express themselves as concerned citizens of our community.

The R-Squad students have been very busy this year. They recently completed a project for which they wrote a grant to purchase 500 cloth shopping bags and then they distributed these to school students and staff members as well as Headstart students and community members.

Administrative Reports

Mrs Zahn reported that Blue Valley and the Onaga Parents Group made donations so that planners could be purchased for each student in grades 3-12. The Jr. High class schedule

is still being discussed and she said there would be some exciting changes for Summer School this year.

Mr. Stumpf stated that the high school class schedule was also not finished yet because of the uncertainty of the school budget and staffing. Until the State of Kansas decides on the educational funds they will be providing, schools are left to guess as to how to proceed with planning the next year.

New Business

Election of Site Council officers for 2009-2010. Dan Peters agreed to be the president for next year and Debbie Berges agreed to be the secretary.

Committee members discussed ideas for Site Council involvement for 2009-2010. It was determined that Site Council members wanted to be more proactive in helping to make a positive contribution to our school. For next year we would like to concentrate on finding ways to increase positive parental and community support for our school and sports programs and well as to increase school pride and spirit in our students. We would like to invite any parent or community member to join our group and add their constructive ideas and suggestions. The possibility was also discussed of having school information published electronically and e-mailed to parent and community members who subscribed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next official Site Council meeting will be September 2, 2009 with perhaps a special planning meeting to be held late this summer.