

USD 322 K-12 Site Council
Wednesday, August 8, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.
USD 322 Library

The USD 322 K-12 Site Council met Wed. August 8, 2007 @6:30 p.m. in the USD 322 Library. Site Council President, Robin Kolterman called the meeting to order. Members present included: Tracy Ahlquist, Jennifer Byrne, Mark Haefke, Roy Duer, Judy Kocher, Robin Kolterman, Laurie McClelland, Tawni Myers, Judy Wegner, Roger Stumpf (OHS Principal), & Sandra Zahn (OGS Principal).

Minutes were reviewed. It was noted that Board of Education Representatives as noted in the prior minutes will be rotated among Site Council membership rather than attended exclusively by Tracy Ahlquist and Janette Eisenbarth. With this revision they were approved as noted. Motion for acceptance Michele; second Tawni; motion carried.

Old Business:

Robin reviewed the newly developed substitute teacher handbook. She has worked collaboratively with Sandra Zahn to develop this useful resource. It is pending Board of Education approval. It will be given to all district substitutes to assist with job duties and orientation to the facilities.

A final draft of the revised Site Council Bylaws were distributed for review. Motion for acceptance Jennifer; second Tracy; motion carried.

New Business:

Membership discussed representation at Board of Education meetings. Members will volunteer for a month to attend. Those months already filled included:

Aug 2007	Robin K.	Sept. 2007	Jennifer B.
Oct. 2007	Robin K.	Nov. 2007	Michele R.
Jan. 2008	Tawni	Mar. 2008	Robin K

Months still available:

Dec. 2007, Feb. 2008, April 2008, & May 2008

Administrative report: Mr. Stumpf and Mrs. Zahn shared their views of utilizing site council as a mechanism to communicate parental and community views. It was encouraged for members to share this information in this arena to see that as a school we are meeting the needs of our community.

Robin presented USD 322 committees which may be useful to have site council input. It is the desire of the council to become more pro-active in providing parental/community input and support to district staff. In the past, the council has functioned in a passive/informative role. Sub Committees for involvement by members were discussed including:

Technology: Mark Haefke discussed this committee and potential area of expansion including increasing utilization of the IDL equipment for league meetings, teacher inservice CE opportunities, and use with Greenbush. Volunteer: Tawni

Crisis Team: Laurie McClelland reviewed this committee and documents such as the crisis informational chart available in each classroom. She would like to see another community informational reception planned this year for community players in the crisis response system within our community. There are opportunities for free attendance to crisis training in the upcoming months.

Bullying Program: Mrs. Zahn reviewed the "Olweus Program" a targeted behavioral program to intervene in a direct manner with bullying behaviors. The district is considering this as a method to incorporate with local students. She gave examples of how this impacts the bully, the victim, and those who are active players in supporting behaviors by not intervening when they know others are being bullied. Volunteers: Jennifer, Michele & Roy

Wellness: Judy Kocher reviewed the district wellness policy. This is an ongoing area identified by the State of Kansas with local districts mandated to change health behaviors. Locally interventions have involved eliminating pop/candy availability, increasing food values of school lunches, and mandatory PE time. Volunteers: Robin & Jeanette

Public Relations: Mr. Stumpf discussed consideration of the development of a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). He discussed the ability to acquire tax exempt status and "umbrella" organizations such as Booster Club and parental accounts for the high school classes under this framework to share the tax exempt status. This could be accomplished with each entity remaining independent and functional. Volunteers: Michele & Tawni

Calendar: Robin noted a need for participation with administration on this committee to provide parental input regarding scheduling of events for the next year.

After brief discussions of these committees, membership divided into small groups to discuss future plans for these committees.

The next Site Council meeting will be Sept. 5, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Motion for adjournment Judy; Roy seconded. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.