

10-24-08

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Auditorium

SES Site Council

Meeting called: Sarah Taylor **Type of meeting:** Site Council

Facilitator: Sarah Taylor **Note taker:** Michele Mei

Timekeeper: Steyn Pearson

Attendees: Sarah Taylor, Steyn Person, Michele Mei, Mia Yang, Jan Zuckerman, Jennifer Freda-Cowie, Katherine Muller, Diana Deumling, Elisabeth Neely, Mia Meyer, Beth Azar, Neeley Wells, Carrie McMcroy

Please read: Minutes were Presented from 10-04-08

Please bring:

Minutes

Agenda item: Curriculum Frameworks **Presenter:** Sarah

Discussion: Sarah shared her last month's meeting with Zeek at PPS and area Director of the Office of Teaching and Learning. PPS supports SES curriculum building. Meeting to be held in the next month with staff separately from parents to draft the first framework. Jennifer asked for clarification on framework and Sarah agreed to make copies of it for our next meeting. The framework is more about our special focus items rather than benchmark criteria. The SES curriculum framework builds around the state benchmarks with an environmental base. Jan and Mia gave specific definitions. It was also noted that PPS website give specific benchmark standards. Sarah suggested that the first proposal for the framework be done before winter break with teachers, and the second meeting with professionals from the district and parents from site council be done afterward. Date to be determined for second meeting. Sarah discussed putting it out to the wider body sometime after 12/19/08.

Conclusions: Team agreed to have a separate Curriculum Framework meeting for teachers with a second meeting to review the first draft by other professionals sometime this winter.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Date for teacher's meeting on Curriculum Framework	Sarah	Dec.19,2008
✓ Copies of Curriculum Framework	Sarah	Nov, 24, 2008
✓		
✓		

Agenda item: Enrollment Transfer **Presenter:** Sarah Taylor

Discussion: Sarah met with district (Judy Brennan) to show documentation as to where our student body by grade level are at in numbers. Sarah did not feel that Judy recognized the urgency, but that the Director did. Sarah wants the Site Council to draft a letter to the district on behalf of SES to bring the enrollment issue front and center. The core topic of the letter is around the questions of: Can a school that is dedicated to be a special focus school be a neighborhood exclusive school? Being a special focus school is important to SES and the mission statement. Steyn and Mia Yang agreed to draft the letter and send it out via email to site council for review.

Conclusions: Site Council will draft a letter to the district supporting SES's enrollment issues and asking for a joint effort with the district to solve this problem this year.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Letter to District	Steyn and Mia Yang	11/21/08
✓		
✓		
✓		

Agenda item: Grounds **Presenter:** Sarah and Neely

Discussion: Where are we at with action items from last site council meeting regarding safety issues?

Neely presented to group that her contact with PPR was successful and that PPR agreed to have signs produced within the month. Sarah informed group that her meeting with the Neighborhood Association went well and she felt that they fully supported our efforts for the 5th grade garden project. Sarah asked that Diana Deumling have a letter drafted from the Neighborhood Association stated their agreement. Diana agreed to do that for the Site Council

Conclusions: Signs are underway for the playground by PPR and Diana will ask the Neighborhood Association to further commit to the garden project in writing. Site Council still needs to follow-up with PPR and Jim Middaught.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Letter from Neighborhood Associations	Diana Deumling	11-21-08
✓		
✓ Follow up with PPR/attachment number 1/Jim Middaught	Robin Mays	11/21/08
✓		

Agenda item: **Presenter:**

Discussion:

Conclusions:

Other Information

Observers:

Resources:

Special notes: Please make sure that our email list is updated. Beth Azar's email is bethazar@msn.com and Diana Deumlin is dianadeumling@gmail.com
