

Minutes from the School Site Council meeting - October 13, 2011

In Attendance: Chris Marchetti, Kortney Kaa, Chris Uskert, Nan Hirahara, Kerry Dees, Peter Tao, Cheryl Liu, Lynn Bell and Harlan Suits

1. Role of Site Council – Originally it was an organization designed for oversight of spending certain funds from the state. The state no longer supplies these funds, so the Council's role is open to a wider interpretation, depending on what we decide to do.
2. Officers chosen – Chairperson Kerry Dees, Secretary Harlan Suits
3. Student achievement planning documents – Chris Marchetti passed out and reviewed a number of documents that he and the staff are using this year:
 - a. Star results from 2011: Fox overall score went up, from 907 to 911. Breakdown of scoring shows how some changes in curriculum, etc., made last year by the staff yielded higher scores. One case of decreasing scores, in 5th grade math, is a special focus: changes have been made and are under way. District-wide scores were also briefly reviewed.
 - b. Single Plan for Student Achievement and School Goals: Detailed objectives in reading comprehension, writing, math, RTI (spell out?), differentiation (tailoring learning for range of abilities of our students), technology, student health
 - c. School Site Council Bylaws: Shared and reviewed.
 - d. A list of Areas of Concern, Areas of Focus, and Changes were discussed.
 - d.i. For example, need to move end-of-year student assessments to April (parents often do not get this information)
 - d.ii. For example, work is under way to identify the best way to use 10 new iPads for learning
4. Suggestions for Council projects/areas of focus included:
 - a. Parent education—help them be more effective partners in their children's education, e.g., a parent "math night," preparing 5th grade parents for transition to Ralston.
 - b. Get word out about Council's existence and activities
 - c. Conduct a parent survey—to learn their concerns, ideas, etc.
 - d. Conduct more parent education nights
 - e. How can we support students who have little or no support at home?
5. Actions: Email additional suggestions to Chris Marchetti, including what we want the Council to be/do.