

McNear Elementary Site Council Minutes

January 23rd, 2012

In Attendance:

Jason Fross, Jennifer Dunbar, Joanne Smaciarz, Shelley Kincaid, Suzanne Gray, April Citti, Jason Sutter, Jeanie Heaslet, Jennifer Soper, Kelly Wood, Ann Hyland,

Jason Fross commenced meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Previous month's minutes were not available for approval.

Site Council Survey -

Brainstorm in groups additional questions, deletions and edits.

Additional question -

Homework "How much time does your child spend on homework a night on average?"
Offer time ranges and an area for comment.

We will then use the information and compare it to the school homework policy

Add on a Grade/Age category

Decided to discuss Year Round School Meeting first then go back to the survey for in depth discussion.

Year round school Meeting

Date decided - March 13th 6:30 - 8:00

Jason Sutter to find out when Principal Larsen is available.

Get translation written

Give parents plenty of notice

Save the Date in the school Newsletter

Principal Larsen will possible bring additional people to discuss year round schooling and the positive/negatives of their experience. (Lori Deen?)

Question for Principal Larsen - How many teachers can she bring, and can she include a parent?

Comment on meeting structure

Jason Fross - would like parents to submit questions ahead of time, preferably no later than a week before the event. They can email questions to Jason Fross and subsequently he can forward them to the panel.

We could set up a table at the event for people to write down their questions, upon which Jason Fross will then read aloud.

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It is important that we are clear this is an informational meeting.

Student/Parent Survey

Jason Sutter - focus on Parent Survey today, make sure we are getting the information we need.

Instead of a different survey for each child expand the questions to include different grades. Reformat the survey.

Broke into groups of 3 to review the survey.

Agreed that Jason Sutter will work on Homework question.

Survey to be released from April 1st to the 8th (same as last year).

Following site council meeting is April 16th. Hopefully be able to review some of the data at that time.

Survey is kept to a week long in order to have an incentive program for the students. We will do the same incentive program as last year.

Though we did a Spanish language survey we did not receive a response. This year Jason Sutter will bring survey to ELAC.

Idea - this year open the computer lab so parents can respond at school. Make it an event – coffee, etc.

Suzanne Gray voted to adjourn. Seconded by Shelly Kincaid at 4:55 p.m.