

Campus Excellence Committee
Minutes
Thursday, November 01, 2007

Present: Dana McCormick, Cody Spielmann, Kathy Bonds, Diana Barbian, Lori Comiskey, David Halvorson, Darin Hamilton, Magdalena Malanowski, Amy Schornick, Suzanne Henley, Bruce Rosensteil, Kari Novotny, Janie Dominguez

Absent: Dr. Cindy Ryan, Dara Williams-Rossi, Kim Ray

Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes from October were approved w/ the following edits:
 - Kari Novotny was present but was not on the list

Staffing/Volunteer Update

Paula Saenz a parent from Heritage Elementary has agreed to volunteer two days per week in the nurse's office to help Kitty w/ phone calls and the clothes closet. A tutor was hired for reading and math support to fill the 10 hour slot allowed by the Title I Funding. She is also willing to take extra hours beyond the tutorials to help Kitty with the nurse's office.

Campus Improvement Plan Planning Retreat Update:

- A meeting was held on 12/29 w/ John Doughney as facilitator to address the rewrite of the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Bruce R. requested that we continue work on the CIP outside of the CEC meetings to get a greater cross-section of input from the community. Cody S. agreed that it would be a good exercise to bring to the next staff meeting.

Purpose of the Campus Excellence Committee

School Goals:

- Bruce R. asked Cody to review the school goals and report back to the CEC on the status of projects. Cody S. offered to provide a report back to the group on the status of the goals for the school as requested.

Defining the Purpose:

- Lori C. asked that the purpose of this committee be better defined. Cody S. provided that she would like to see the CEC focus on committee work right now. There were deliverables from committees last year that Cody would like to see completed such as the emergency backpacks.

Committees:

Dana M. outlined each of the committees and the purpose of each. She noted that we should provide a notice in the newsletter to invite other interested members from the community. She passed out a sign-up sheet for the committees.

- Health and Safety – looking at safety and health related issues at TES including emergency backpacks
- Volunteers - Inventory of needs and resources to meet those needs
- Communication – Inventory of current methods and evaluating the success of those
- Community Involvement – Focused on bringing the school community together and addressing issues of tolerance, inclusion, and diversity.

Open Position:

- Magdalena recommended a new parent member, Geraldo Nales, for participation on the CEC. Magdalena will communicate w/ him regarding his interest and bring back a recommendation to the next meeting.

Open Forum:

- Bruce asked if Cody had plans to get out into the community for visits in homes and on peoples' lawns. Cody S. replied that she will not be making these visits in Fall/Winter b/c she wants to make sure that when it is done, it is done well.
- David H. suggested that we expand the e-mail communication weekly distribution. Methods were discussed for getting more participation on the e-mail. Cody S. also mentioned that we should create a way to communicate with those who do not have access to e-mail.