

NCS Site Council Minutes October 13, 2015 at 4:00 pm at NCS, Lee Lohr's Classroom

Welcome: Fall Fun stories or Best Apple Orchard Survey: The following Site Council members were in attendance: Leigh Schmidt, Jennifer Bradley, Abby Jakowski, Brandi Mueller, Jennifer Klawiter, Jim Ruder, Sarah Gaskell, Katie Kohl, and Robin Kling Non-voting 501c3 Representatives: Charyn Grandau and Susan Christiansen. New Site Council Members: Paula Hass may be interesting in joining. Not in attendance: Kim Wroblewski. Tiffany Minter also attended.

Bruce Moore has resigned his Site Council Membership due to work schedule conflicts. Bruce will continue membership on the Diversity and Equity Committee.

501c3 Report from Charyn- This committee will be developing mission and goals to share with Site Council at a proposed joint meeting in November and also wishes to sustain the momentum of STEM. We will have a joint monthly Site Council/501c3 meeting on November 10 at 5:00 pm. Charyn is looking for help on the Grant Committee. There is a plan to survey teachers so that we can include a target of need for grant applications.

STEM AND Personalized Learning- 4/5 Units in Robotics and Bridge Building have gone well. Two trips to the stream have been completed. Larry has the SIFTR program in the works this week with the UW. Teachers registered for Terrace Town to take place in the spring. Teachers participated in a follow up Everyday Math webinar. Several 4/5 students have piloted a software application called Wowzers Math to supplement EDM. Teachers would like to buy a license for 6 students to enroll for the year at \$18.99 per student (\$113.94) Grades 4/5 and 2/3 expect to participate in the Science Festival in Madison on Friday morning, Oct. 23. K/1 is expected to visit Cave of the Mounds in January and an apple orchard this fall. The Educator Effectiveness Evaluation system is operating again but without the software system, Teachscape. We will use district provided forms to complete Student Learning Objectives, Plans for Professional Growth, Flex Day Plans, and Self Assessment Surveys due on Oct. 30. This creates another change/challenge for teachers and the director. Jim will draft a message to families regarding Science Festival.

School Board Report: The School Board has begun to wrestle with how to relieve the overcrowding at GE. Many options are being considered; one option would be to move the GE TWI to SC/NCS and relocate NCS possibly to CV as soon as next year. Decisions will be made in January. An ad hoc committee to address short term and perhaps long term (after 4 years) location needs of NCS was formed. Tiffany Minter expressed interest in serving on this committee. Jon Porco might be another interested person. Jim will draft a message to families to invite more interest.

Staffing - Carol Szymanski has resigned her Integrated Arts Position effective October 20. The position has been posted again, as well as separate Music and Art Positions. Interviews are being scheduled for Thursday afternoon. (Currently 4 Art, 1 Music, and 0 Integrated Art/Music applicants.)

***After School Programming.** Jennifer Bradley reported that she and Deb Pleuss were able to create fliers, received registration, and have organized the start of the following programs:

	Fall Oct. 12- Nov. 30	Winter Jan. 4- Mar 7	Spring Mar.14-May16
STEM	Scott- Inv. Spec.-20 Heidi's Room	Recycled Racers-21	Tara- Sun/Moon-22
Club	Chess with Abby- 21 Library	Cursive- Charyn-24 Library	Bricks for Kidz-23 Library
Homework	Tara/Sue- 4 K/1 room	Jennifer- 3	Scott- 4

Registration Revenue (\$25 per STEM and Chess, \$15 per homework): \$2,990. We expect to receive another \$250 yet to be paid for a total projected revenue of \$3,240.

STEM Expected Labor Expenses: 12 hours x \$23.00 x 2 sessions =	\$552
Homework Club Labor Expenses: 1 hour x 24 sessions x 23.00=	\$552
Additional Material Costs: \$100 for teacher guides, \$200 for each STEM, \$200 for each Club =	\$1,300
Bricks for Kids Costs: 22 x \$92=	\$2,024
(since we have 1 parent volunteer, we only pay for 22 students)	

Bussing Costs: \$76.00 x 24 days= \$1,824 (=offset by \$1,000 Optimist Club Grant)	<u>\$824</u>
	\$5,252

*** Enrollment-** We were at our cap of 126 students on the 3rd Friday Count, but we have lost 2 second graders from Jennifer Klawiter's class since then, one to a family move and one to a private school. We would enroll one second grader and one first grader if they applied during the course of the year.

***Social Media-** Tammy has posted to Facebook and Twitter. We hope to post 2-3 times per week. Susan has met with Kelly to figure out our Facebook site. The current Facebook page managed by Susan C. and Stephanie Leur will continue as is. Tammy will offer a separate Facebook page.

***Back to School Night-** Moderate turn-out. STEP room presentations went well and finished by 6:15 pm, but the transition to classrooms took longer than 5 minutes. 1:1 Roll out Info for 4/5 went smooth. The weather was stormy so the playground was not an option. The movie projector in the Gym failed, and the STEP room projector had poor sound. We had about 50-60 kids ranging in age from 2-10. We needed better weather, better projector, or more help. We need to rethink for next year.

Diversity and Equity Committee- Dan Verscha's presentation with Shari Ferolie was amazing. Students and staff were very appreciative of the opportunity. Bulletin board and information flier has been really effective. We will be meeting next week to start planning for December's Asia event.

Goals for the 2015-2016 Year with the addition of a Reading Goal:

NCS Goals 2015-2016:

1. Students will demonstrate appropriate behavior as evidenced by a 25% decrease in the rate of Behavior Office Referrals, when comparing 2015-2016 with 2014-2015.

- * NCS teachers and staff not already trained in Nurtured Heart will complete the basic 6 hour class with District Trainers to lay a foundation for incorporating the Nurtured Heart Approach into our PBIS efforts by mid October.
- * We will renew our efforts to focus on the Tier I, PBIS school wide expectations and positive acknowledgements and celebrations.
- * Tier II, Check in-Check out will be implemented with fidelity for 5-10% of students, as needed.
- * At least Weekly Cool Tool reviews will be presented by both teachers and the Director.
- * A list of logical responses to major behavioral offenses will be shared with learners, families, and staff.
- * A "Think About It" sheet to promote learner reflection and active involvement in the problem solving process will be continued to be used with a Restorative Practice Approach.
- * A "Learning Pledge" to be signed by parents, staff and students and returned by the end of September.
- * Each learner's family will receive a "Good News" phone call by the Director during the course of the school year.
- * A growing number of NCS staff will participate in the Beyond Diversity Training offered by the District so that at least 50 % of the staff will have participated by the end of the school year.
- * NCS learners and staff will continue to have whole school gatherings at least on a monthly basis to celebrate successes and promote future positive behavior.
- * A Student Council will meet with the Director at least monthly. The Council will be comprised of two students from each classroom in grades 2-5.

2. NCS learners will continue to demonstrate growth in Math skills as measured by MAP scores indicating all students will meet or exceed projected growth comparing spring to spring scores for 4/5 grade students.

Grade 3 students will be measured for growth rate from fall to spring. All students will demonstrate High Growth and High Achievement (above 50 Conditional Growth Percentile and 50 Achievement Percentile) in the spring. All K-2 students will reach respective benchmarks on the Spring Math Screener.

- A. NCS will implement the newly updated Everyday Math program.
- * NCS teachers will participate in an orientation to the updated Everyday Math program.
 - * Learners will be given opportunities to utilize new technology components of the Everyday Math program, Dreambox, and/or Wowzers Math, or other digital Math options.
- B. Personalized Learning- NCS teachers will further prepare for full implementation of Personalized Learning Strategies in the 2018-2019 school year.
- * A growing number of NCS staff will participate in the 5W's class, Intro to Verona PLP class, and the Epiphany Learning class offered by the District so that 75 % of the staff will have participated in the 5 Ws and Intro to the Verona PLP class by the end of the school year.
 - * A personalized learning goal will be developed for each learner and discussed with their family.
 - * Teachers will convene collaborative teams to share strategies and plan lessons sensitive to personalized learning.
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- A. A NCS kindergarten and a second grade teacher will be trained in Wilson Reading Approach and implement the Foundations Program with Fidelity. All classroom teachers will continue to devote a daily 90 minute literacy block to advance literacy skills through guided reading groups, read-alouds, silent reading, writing instruction and writers' workshops, and whole group reading instruction.
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Technology- Roll-out of 1:1 took work but was managed before the end of September. We are still working on Apps being installed and having 10 iPads returned for K-3 use. Would Site Council support buying an extra 4 hours of Tech Assistant hours to get this out to students? (\$80-100?) One iPad has gone missing from Mr. Lohr's desk. Some Site Council members questioned if the police will be called. Jim is reluctant to do so. The iPad may just as easily be lost vs. stolen. Jim will explore replacement costs/insurance.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS: Susan is creating a flier to include continuing Box Tops, Target, Wreath, REAP, and Silent Auction. We are hoping to sponsor a Color Run in the spring with Darrin and Stephanie Wasniewski as chairs. Lengthy discussion included adopting a goal to raise \$2,000- \$4,000. Motion made and seconded by Leigh and Jennifer to allocate \$350.00 for company fee, license, and other set up costs. Susan and the Wasniewski's will consult with SC PTO to learn about their course and Fun Run held last Saturday.

Target: is discontinuing Education Program at the end of the school year. We are likely to receive a bonus based on how much participation there is yet this year.

Silent Auction: Katie is working on it and will have fliers out soon.

Future Contract for Spring Pictures with LifeTouch? tabled for November.

Family Movie Night Oct. 23 showing of Hotel Transylvania 6:00 pm costume pictures, 6:30 pm movie in the SC Gym. We will include info in the next newsletter. Abby will make a poster or two for the hallway.

Parent Workshop on Paying for College is being offered by outside agency on Oct. 22, 6:30-8:30 pm in SC library.

Account Balance: Current Balance is \$12,570.

- o Curriculum / School Supplies: \$500
 - o Fieldtrip: \$500
 - o Marketing: \$1,000
 - o STEM: \$4,000 (\$500 per teacher per year plus \$1,000 for PD/global purchases). Note that for 2015-16, all of this money would be allocated to the purchase of Everyday Math – unless the Epic Grant is approved.
 - o After-school Programming: \$4,000
 - o Internal events / cultural: \$1,000
- Operating Budget: \$1,500

Announcements:

Oct. 23 Report Cards go home

OC. 23 Movie Night 6:00 pm in SC gym

Oct. 23 Science Festival Field trips by 4/5 and 2/3.

Oct. 27 and 29 Goal setting conferences

Oct. 29 and 30 No School

Next NCS Site Council meeting date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 4:00 pm at NCS. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm