

**NCS Site Council Meeting
October 11, 2016**



Site Council Members

Ann Princl	Jennifer Klawiter	Abby Jakowski	Jennifer Bradley (Jen)
Katie Kohl	Leigh Schmidt	Kim Wroblewski	Sarah Gaskell
Tiffany Minter	Brett Polglaze	Susan Christiansen	Guests: Ben and Jim

Time	What	Next Steps
4:00-4:10	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate the Positives • Norms for Collaborating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equity of Voice ○ Active Listening ○ Respect for all Perspectives ○ Safety and Confidentiality ○ Self Monitor (take care of your needs) • Review agenda and outcomes 	

<p>4:10-4:20</p>	<p>Presidents Report from 501c3:</p> <p>Budget: \$19,500 Treasurer’s Report, from President Brett Polglaze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Tammy and Brett for working on the Budget. • <u>Mobile Hot Spot / Verizon jetpack</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved via email, \$39.99/month ○ Two hot spots is not a priority at this time. ○ Comparison pricing was discussed. Here is Betty Wottreng’s suggestion: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Ann,</p> <p>The plan you are on is a discounted, government plan. It also has some other perks, like canceling it whenever, and quickly disabling it in the event of theft. I would not recommend switching to a plan that limits your data.</p> <p>If you end up going over, the fees get expensive.</p> <p>I can have our rep check to see if there are any other similar plans that might save some. Betty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we explore an endowment fund? (Put money into this account). This would be a great position to get to. Brett and Sarah will explore. • Do we need to consider a scholarship fund? Brett and Sarah will explore. </div>	
<p>4:20-5:00</p>	<p>Staff / School Updates: <u>Behavior Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of positives happening! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creativity Focus is happening throughout the school (Cole Melvin and Katy Morkri are helping with this) ○ NCS Greatness Train bulletin Board (compliments given to each child at NCS) ○ Classroom visits by Ann Princl, will focus on Anti-Bullying (These lessons preview what will be shared in December and January by Char Cardona) ○ Goal: Empower the teachers, prevention is key. Ways to show respect in all areas of the school will be discussed with the learners (classroom, hallway, lunchroom, 	<p>PBIS Mini Overview: The Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program (PBIS) contains behavior expectations, which help students assume responsibility for their own behavior. It also includes ways students can learn to correct their unproductive and inappropriate behavior under the guidance of a caring school community. Our behavior referrals (ODRs -Office Discipline Referrals) are key to tracking behavior of students so appropriate behavior and academic support plan are developed for our children.</p>

- playground, bus).
- o Nurtured Heart Continues (See Parent workshops, below)

- PBIS being implemented (See sidebar)
 - o Survey
 - o SC PBIS Team visiting NCS to introduce themselves
 - o Culturally Responsive PBIS training (Ann and Cole Melvin)
 - o Setting expectations
 - o More information will become available

Data Dive Assessments are being implemented in all classrooms. (PALS, F & P, MUS, MAP) We will have access to data via EduClimber, our new district wide Data Collection Resource.

Conferences and Report Cards

- Conferences are coming up the last week in October.
- Beginning this year, report cards will be issued for all students in January and June. Conferences will continue to be offered in fall (October) and Spring.

Next Community Gathering = Thursday, October 13, 7:45-8:05 SC Step Room

- Theme = Creativity

Picture Retake Day = Tuesday, Nov. 17th

Nurtured Heart Workshops

- NHA 1.5 for Parents of NCS and VAIS students. Thursday, November 10, 2016 - 6:00-7:30pm Fitchburg Public Library
- NHA Parenting Class 6:00-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: October 18, 25, and November 1, Stoner Prairie Elementary School LMC



As parents, you are aware of the need for consistency. Parents play an important role in any behavior management program, whether it is for a specific behavior or the class or school.

<p>5:00-5:05</p>	<p>Back to School Night / Volunteers, etc. (Abby)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went well! • Abby has contacted folks to invite them to Site Council • Another parent is interested in coming up with a question and answer sheet for new families. • Welcoming new parents with a mentor, who would be a parent who has been a part of the school. (NCS Buddy Program). All current parents can take on this role of welcoming at events. This is something that will be explored. • Wed. Oct. 26 = Movie Night. Flyer will go home this week. 	
<p>5:05-5:10</p>	<p>Fundraising/Marketing Update (Susan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction -- meeting with Katie Kohl today after SC meeting; will discuss our broader campaign to reach sustaining/annual corporate donors in line w/ our procurement letters as well as project management and timeline • T-shirts--going well with 2 days left. 40+ items ordered with \$300 profit so far. Will order items for teachers (thank you for the vote) • Brandi M. has offered to do our Winter Greenery Fundraiser this year. Looks like order forms will go out toward end of Oct. for Thanksgiving pick up. • Kristin Yeager coordinating REAP and Equal Exchange Fundraiser Order forms going out 14th or 21st of Oct. (will coordinate w/ Greenery, if needed) Order forms will be due to school 11/4 & order pick-up @NCS will be 12/5. • Lee Lohr looking for some \$\$ help with items for outdoor classroom. Considering a Go Fund Me campaign. • Susan is working on the letters and a template for parents/families to use to reach out to their businesses, for corporate sponsorship. Try to make connections to make sustaining sponsors. This will help with projecting our spending and have consistency. 	

<p>5:10-5:15</p>	<p>Monday After School Programs (Jen Bradley):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment is down. We are wondering if it is the offerings? Interests? Timing? K & 1 not at all sessions. • Open up yoga to first grade for winter. (Yoga will be at a max of 20). • Reopen each session to see if more families are interested. • 27 kiddos in Planks (Full)! • Our STEM sessions are popular. • Homework numbers are comparable to last year (4/ 4/ and 5) • Many students who took chess last year are returning. • Survey of the choices was done 2 years ago. A survey at the end of each session can be provided to help with future planning. An additional survey will be provided at the end of all the sessions • Financial aid is available. 	
<p>5:15-5:20</p>	<p>Grant Writing Committee (Charyn Grandau)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group met today. • Check with teachers of grants that have been written in the past. They want to avoid duplicating grants. • The committee can help teachers with writing grants. • Set meeting with teachers and site council to discuss Grant Writing (end of November). <i>Ann will come up with a date which will work.</i> • The committee could look for grants which match the teachers' goals. They would find the grant source and write it (or the teachers could write or help write). • This group will meet again the week before the next site council meeting. • Teachers may consider putting something on Donor's Choose - occasionally these will all be granted by a source. (Herb Kohl, for example). 	

<p>5:20-5:30</p>	<p>Diversity and Equity (Leigh Schmidt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee is looking into Wisconsin Native Populations (teach, expand what the 4th grade currently learns). • Social Justice (still on the radar and still working on it). • Transgender Policy was passed in the district. Powerpoint is available from Leigh, she will send this out. • Potential of talking with school board to make enrollment more equitable. This has been discussed with Lilada Gee. She indicated our lottery system discriminates. It is a state policy. We are invested in providing a diverse community. • We should catalog/record our efforts of outreach. • Goal: nail down how the lottery system works and not works for increasing diversity. • Is there an opportunity to connect with the Boys and Girls club and open our after school program? 	
<p>5:30-5:40</p>	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verona Area Kids Expo, November 5th (flyer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activity, and Volunteers, and Teachers Needed ○ Parents will work on this. SUG will be utilized ○ <i>Will transportation be provided?</i> 	
<p>5:40-6:00</p>	<p>Next Steps / Closing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 5th, Kid's Expo • Look into connections with STEM, and approach others to share the idea of what can we do for you? 	

	NEXT MEETING = TUESDAY, November 8, 4:00-6:00	
	<p>Parking Lot: K-1 = Check if we are using only Apple Apps (look at apps that are available for android as well).</p> <p>CONFIRMED ANSWER FROM MELISSA RUDER: If an app is available on both Apple and Android, then yes, it is a possible app to be requested and downloaded. (If only Android, then no).</p> <p>Parents and students may not download apps on the iPads at home, also parents and students may not download apps not approved by the district.</p> <p>Apps can be requested using Web Help Desk. There is a difference between some iPad apps and iPhone apps. There are some apps that work on both Android and Apple; the best way to check is within iTunes.</p>	