

## **Site Council Minutes May 16, 2011**

The Site Council for Central Elementary met on Monday, May 16, 2011. The following were present: Brenda Page, Stacie Jones, Angie Matthews, Christy Boerner, Teri Dow, Michelle Koch, Carole Conwell, Monica Kabriel, Jodi Havice, Amy Donahue, Carrie Ficke, Katie Fritz, Robin Butler, Annah Clark, Barbie Norton, Marsha DeHart and Angela Allenbrand.

The meeting was called to order by Principal Brenda Page. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the April 18 meeting, as posted and distributed to the members via email. Motion carried.

Brenda Page introduced Teri Dow to the Site Council. Mrs. Dow will be the Principal at Central beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Marsha DeHart represented the Site Council at the Board of Education meeting in May. Marsha was unable to join the group at the beginning of the meeting and gave her notes to Brenda Page. Brenda presented a summary of those notes to the Site Council.

Michelle Koch provided an update on the Books for Kids project. She reported that ten employees from Best Buy had helped to stamp the books. Because at least ten employees volunteered their personal time for the project, it was qualified to earn a \$1,000 donation from Best Buy. Since stamping is completed, the books will need to be sorted and distributed. A group of teachers from Central are scheduled to stay after school and sort the books on Tuesday, May 17.

Brenda Page gave an update on the construction project. Work will begin soon on the playground area. The equipment is currently in storage and will be returned to the site. The gravel will be removed from the front lawn and used as filler under the new playground. Renovation is currently taking place in the former locker room space. This will become the new art room and office space for the physical education teacher. The new FEMA shelter is nearly complete. The floors are currently being washed and wax is being applied by district maintenance staff.

The CCAMMP teachers were in attendance and gave updates regarding their respective areas.

Monica Kabriel provided an update on physical education. End-of-year physical fitness testing is currently being conducted for each student. The results will be compared with results from tests taken last August. Play Day at the park is being scheduled for each grade, weather permitting. Nutrition education was part of the curriculum during the year. Special activities included the annual HoeDown for first and second graders, and Jump Rope for Heart.

Jodi Havice, art teacher, discussed challenges with providing art lessons for the children, while working around the building construction. The first semester consisted of “Art on a Cart”, with Mrs. Havice bringing art lessons to the individual classrooms. A room in the new addition was used temporarily as an art room during the second semester. Art projects will be sent home with the students at the end of the school year. Basic standards, including vocabulary, history, and disciplines are included in the art curriculum. Toys are used for models, along with different materials. All art projects are tied to the standards.

Barbie Norton gave an update on technology. The students are using MS Word and PowerPoint programs. They also use special websites in the classroom. A list of the websites and additional educational sites are available for the parents on the Technology Blog. Mrs. Norton encourages the students to become familiar with the letters on the keyboard. They do repetitive typing exercises, like spelling their name. Lessons on internet safety are also offered to the students.

Robin Butler, Counselor, provided information about guidance activities. A bullying prevention program is in place for the students. It involves personal, social and academic strategies, and emphasizes using problem solving with words. Robin offered a Love & Logic course to parents in USD 320 during the fall semester. Over forty people attended the classes. She also explained how backpacks with ready-to-eat foods are prepared by the Harvesters organization and sent home with eligible children on Friday so they will have meals and snacks available for the weekend. The students return the backpacks to school on Monday, where they are refilled and sent home again the following weekend.

Annah Clark teaches music at Central. She worked with the students to present three musical programs during the school year. In music classes, the students learn to sing on pitch, establish a steady beat, play musical games, and learn about different musical instruments.

Brenda Page concluded the meeting by giving an update on staff and location changes. Due to state funding, the first grade classrooms will temporarily be moved to the new addition. Two Kindergarten classes will be moved to the original portion of the building. For the 2011-2012 school year, there will be five Kindergarten classes, six First Grade classes, and five Second Grade classes.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is September 19, 2011. This meeting will include election of officers for the 2011-2012 school year, and discussion of goals.

Submitted by: Angela Allenbrand, Secretary