

Subject: Site Council Minutes
Date: Wednesday, September 26
Time: 2:15
Location: Staff Room

1. By-Laws & Responsibility Grid

The group reviewed and approved the Site Council By-Laws and Responsibility Grid as written. Only the approval dates were updated.

2. Stakeholder Group Reports

Administration:

- New Teacher Evaluation Pilot – Howard is participating in a school district pilot of a new teacher evaluation system. The state is requiring all school districts to develop new evaluation systems and Howard, along with four other elementary schools and one middle school, are trying the new system this year.
- Caring School Curriculum – Howard is also piloting a new curriculum focused on building a school culture of kindness and respect. Kids who feel a part of a CSC tend to do better academically over time and exhibit fewer negative behaviors in the future as well. There are specific lessons and activities that build a caring community, including class meetings to discuss problems or other topics, buddies, and also Homeside activities.
- After School Programs – We will be offering a rocketry and a drawing after school program. Reduced costs and scholarships are available.
- Facilities Proposal – The district will be holding a Community Forum on Monday, Oct. 1, 7–8:30 p.m., NEHS cafeteria for people to give feedback on the facilities proposal. There will be four other forums as well, but this will be the only one held in our region.

Parents:

- Carnival – Last year's carnival has a \$2,113.04 profit. This year's carnival will be June 6th, 5:30-8:00. PTO is hoping to have teachers help find room parents to coordinate volunteers to run classroom booths. Site Council feedback was they would like the PTO board to write a letter or flyer teachers can give out at conferences regarding room parent volunteers and duties.
- Popcorn Wednesdays – These will restart October 3rd. The price will have to increase to 50 cents.
- October Fundraiser – The Monster Cookie Dough/Dutch Mills Flowers bulbs sales will be done with individual classroom visits instead of an all school assembly, so work around teacher schedules and be less disruptive. It will run from October 15-26. The top 5 seller will get to choose from the prize selection. Each student will receive a cookie regardless of sales amount. Packets will need to be turned in by Nov. 1st.
- Parent Teacher Conferences Dinners – The PTO will be providing dinner for staff during the evening conferences on October 30th and November 1st. Thank you PTO!
- Family Movie Nights – There will be at least two this year. Allan and Alicia will plan which nights.

Certified Staff:

- Certified staff are busy and working hard. Our main concern right now is how to get more support for our large 4/5 classes more support, particularly the blended classroom.

Classified Staff:

- Classified staff are also very busy and working very hard.

3. EEF Grant Proposals

Site Council approved four grants to be submitted to EEF in the following rank order:

1. Grade 4/5 OMSI Field Trip - \$2,000 (Suzy)
2. 2nd Grade Zoo Field Trip - \$500 (Angela)
3. Math Intervention Software Subscription - \$2,000 (Melissa)
4. Family Night Book Restocking - \$500 (Allan)

4. Title 1 Parent Involvement Plan

Melissa presented the Howard Title 1 Parent Involvement Plan and also the Family and Community Involvement Strategies with the council. A few minor updates were made and the plan was approved.

5. Others & Set Next Meeting Agenda

The main focus of Site Council this year will be to update our School Improvement Plan. All shared that the goal topics are good and likely will not need to change, but we will primarily want to spend our time examining the goal target and the strategies to achieve those goals.

Future Agenda Items:

- School Improvement Plan

Proposed Future Site Council Meeting Dates:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RECORDER</u>
September 26	Allan
October 23	_____
November 27	_____
January 23 (Wed)	_____
February 26	_____
April 23	_____
May 28	_____
June —	_____