

School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
November 19, 2008

Members Present: Lori Gillman, Joleen Cottrell, Julie Wilde, Kalynn Barton, Margie Shewell, Myrna Phiillipp, Brenda Kitzmiller, Katy Cundall, Linda Bartel and Shelley Sorensen. Paula Breitenbach was asked to be excused from the meeting.

Approval of minutes of October 8, 2008: A motion was that that the minutes be amended to say that Lee Shultz was asked to be excused from the meeting. Lori Gillman then made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Brenda Kitzmiller seconded the motion; motion was carried out unanimously.

Margie Shewell then made the statement. What is a Community Council? The purpose of the school community council is to build consistent and effective communication among the parents, employee and administrators. To allow parents an opportunity to be actively involved with the school in the education of their children. To make good schools great.

Margie also informed the council that school community councils responsibilities are: Review the school U-Pass data, develop a School Improvement Plan, develop a School LAND Trust Plan, participate in the development of the Professional Development Plan, advise the school administration on local school issues and to provide an opportunity for issues of concern in the community to be presented to the school administration.

Margie stated that the council has not elected a Vice-President: The Vice-President had to be a teacher and with that she handed out ballot slips for each council member. Lori Gillman and Joleen Cottrell were the teacher's whose name was on the ballot. After collecting and tallying the votes, Joleen Cottrell will be the Vice-President for the school community council.

Principal's Report: Principal Wilde stated that the school needed one parent for the focus groups for the upcoming accreditation. The seven focus groups are, Leadership for Student Improvement, Culture of Continuous Improvement and Learning, Assessment of Student Learning, Community Building, Curriculum Development, Instructional Strategies and Educational Agenda Vision, Beliefs, Mission and Goals. Margi Shewell stated that she would like to be on Community Building group. Katy Cundall will be on the Instructional Strategies group. Paula Breitenbach will be on the Leadership for Student Improvement group. Shelley Sorensen will be on the Educational Agenda, Vision, Beliefs, Mission and Goals group. Shelly Chivers will be on the Curriculum Development group. Michelle Morton will be on the Assessment of Student Learning. And Kalynn Barton will be on the Culture of Continuous Improvement and Learning group. Student council will also help serve on these groups. The focus groups meet at least once a month and we will get this information out to the council members as soon as the chairperson lets Mrs. Wilde know the upcoming dates and times.

Super Golden Ute rewards- PTO/Community Council: The drawing for the Super Golden Ute rewards will be next Tuesday, November 21st, 2008. Principal Wilde stated that each teacher received a Super Golden Ute ticket and they got to pick the student that they thought deserved it. Principal Wilde told the council members that every student with perfect attendance and a 4.0 will also receive a super golden Ute ticket.

Intruder Drill Report: The Crisis team had an intruder drill with law enforcement. The drill was a good meeting and helped the crisis team review the procedures if an attempt was to happen here at our high school. The drill included a tour of building and adequate training.

School Improvement Plan update for 08/09: Julie handed out the new school improvement plan for this school year. She explained that there is a timeline to complete as a staff. The school is focusing on getting every teacher to PLC training with the help of funds that school community council approved through the trust lands. Julie stated that our school is working on our goals to fit within the district goals.

Parent Contacts: Principal Wilde reported that our teachers and staff have made 2,500 parent contacts in the first trimester. The process seems to be working well. Principal Wilde stated that our first trimester received a 95.8% in attendance.

PTO Report: Brenda Kitzmiller reported that the PTO has been working on the Smith's earn and learn.

Other Business:

Next Meeting Date: January 15, 2009 @ 3:00 PM

Meeting adjourned: Shelley Sorensen made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; Kalynn seconded the motion; motion carried out unanimously.