King School Site Council Minutes
January 12, 2010

In attendance:

- Parents, Community:

  Trace Salmon, Tanisha Jones, Dolores Ramzy, Jim Anderson

- Teachers, School staff, Administration:

Ben Caldwell, ReShawn Brown, Sirenna Brown, LaDrena Rhodes, Lynne Shlom-Ferguson-PPS Regional Director, Melodie Adams-Hill, Meghan Kahn, Sue Carter-Multnomah ESD.

Elections

- Trace is elected Chair as Alvin Johnson can no longer serve due to scheduling.
- Melodie is elected as Co-chair, position was vacant.
- Meghan is elected as Recorder, position was vacant
- Trace sent out an improvement plan for site council, we will use that as agenda today due to lack of an agenda.

School Improvement Plan

- SIP (school improvement plan) update. Site council believed that it was their job to work on the school improvement plan, but now that King is an AYP school, what is our job? SIP has been written by the new School Improvement Team mandated due to not making Adequate Yearly Progress status last year.
- LaDrena told Trace he could be on SIP team (School Improvement Team), ReShawn and Ben are on the SIP team. Parent representatives are needed.
- The SIP plan was completed by the state SIP team and is being peer reviewed, it was distributed, in part at the meeting. The Site council will review it and give feedback to the members of the SIP team. Other schools and administrators are peer reviewing our SIP prior to its submission to the State Department of Education for funding.
- Our AYP action plan will help improve student achievement (reading, writing, math, IB)
- ReShawn mentioned that site council's role would be to make sure that the school is following the SIP.
- This is the first year for King in AYP. Sue is employed by the state through the Multnomah ESD and is working with the school to write the SIP plan.
- Trace wants to make sure that everyone on site council gets a full copy of the plan before next meeting
- Every school has to have a school improvement plan, even if it is not an AYP school

- Lynne: the money will be released when the plan is finished. Some schools have used the money for Saturday school or after school tutoring, professional development for staff
- The SIP is basically an application for a grant, if it is accepted, the money will be released.
- We will be in school improvement for 2 years.
- The SIP team is currently working on getting teachers time to work together to make sure that they can meet the needs of all of their students.

Parent Outreach/Recruitment

- Site council needs to work on recruitment because there will be another letter from the district going out about the fact that King is in AYP, offering transfers to students.
- King needs to emphasize their positive points: Kindergarten-1st improved reading scores.
- Suggestions for a banner across Alberta Street to advertise kindergarten round-up. Trace will research cost and perform arrangements. Trace asked LaDrena how much was available from the school budget for the banner. LaDrena said $400.
- Parents do not have the information about the school. In the SIP plan we should work on family and community communication.
- Site council is interested in giving parents a survey about how they feel about the school and what they want. Trace will meet with Reiko Williams at PPS Parent Engagement regarding getting the survey made and distributed. Reliable statistics regarding parent attitudes, desires are needed to successfully target outreach efforts.
- LaDrena said she would get the information about the survey.
- Tanisha mentioned that teachers should work on their web pages, Lynne suggested someone who would be willing to come in and help teachers, Melodie took down the information.
- The newsletter needs to be changed. It is not very exciting. It needs to include pictures.
- Students should also help decorate the halls. King is not a very inviting school.
- To promote King we could have t-shirts, buttons etc.
- We really need to focus on PK and K round-up.
- We could have an IB parent's night again, but this time have students showing parents what they are doing in class—how it is different than without the IB curriculum.

Action Items

- Trace will research and arrange for the banner across Alberta. If $400 is not enough, more funds will need to be found.
- Trace will begin the process of sketching out the survey and meet with Parent Engagement.

- LaDrena will discuss teacher websites with the teaching staff and offer Site council help with getting material online on the school site.
- The Site council will review the draft SIP and provide any feedback necessary before it is submitted to the State.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th, 3:30-5:00, King School Library