

Patsy Sommer Site Based Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2009

Present: V. Arms, C. Baker, J. Davey, A. Eaglin, J. Freeman, K. Holding, L. Gable, J. Martin,
R. Meredith, A. Peterson-Hahn, M. Pratz, S. Schock, P. Spitzer

Next meeting: TBD in the Sommer Library

I. Introductions

Introductions were made.

II. Health Report

Linda Gable, school nurse, shared that we do have a higher number of students coming into her office with high temperature. The question was asked if the district has a percentage of students with the flu, which we are not aware of them having. We have alcohol-free hand sanitizer available in the cafeteria. The district does not provide alcohol based hand sanitizers to students; however, parents may send them with their student if they choose to do that.

III. CIP/Data/Staff Development 2009-2010

Side note: Mr. Meredith requested information on who to contact for our Title I schools to help get the Neighborhood Longhorn Tutoring Program in our district. Mr. Pratz said he would supply that information.

Mr. Pratz shared the TAKS scores. Even though Sommer is exemplary, we are looking at our achievement gaps and individual students so that we reach all of our students. Based on the TAKS data, the school leadership team developed a staff development plan in the areas of math, writing (to get more 3's and 4's), and behavior (moving our school-wide behavior system into classrooms).

October 16th is the deadline to turn in the school's campus improvement plan (CIP). Please e-mail Mr. Pratz with any questions, recommendations on the CIP you were given. If he does not receive anything from you, he will assume it is approved.

IV. Surveys

The staff survey was shared that was done at the end of last year. Overall, the staff was very positive about their experience working at the school. Mr. Meredith reminded us to be very aware of our community needs from parents, students, and peer group with the hard economic times we are facing, and to have staff be cognizant of how children are coping. It was mentioned that perhaps PTA could look at what can we do for our neighborhood since we ask for money many times throughout the year to support the school.

Mr. Pratz also shared that the survey he sent out about Positive Behavior Support (PBS) was filled out by approximately 85 people. Their biggest concerns were dismissal in regards to traffic and safety as well as perceptions about the PBS system at the school.

IV. Safety

Pat Spitzer, PE/WE teacher and safety coordinator for the school, brought forward a parent request about children walking to/from school. She shared pictures where sidewalk was no more than 6 inches from Avery Ranch Blvd. The idea was to station about 4-5 adults at these narrow areas to keep students safe which may promote more people to let children

walk/ride to school to ease traffic. It was also an idea to put signs up reminding students (like "Hug the Wall"), though there would have to be permission from the HOA for that. A concern brought up was getting that many parents to volunteer everyday and what would happen if one didn't show. An idea was mentioned to have a "walking bus" where 2 parents would meet at a certain corner. Parents could drop their children off at a certain time and the parents would walk all the way to and from school. There will be more information gathered for this particular bullet point.

V. Future Work

Mr. Pratz and Ms. Davey will be working on how to inform parents more about PBS. He will let the committee know when they will meet so others can join if they'd like.

There was also an idea to have a meeting with parents about traffic to determine the best course of action.