

School Community Council
January 30, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Janelle Wride, Austin Cowley, Kim Kosorok, Natalie Hill, Ilene Strong, Dee Lawler, Mindy Widdowson, Rachelle Funk, April Leder, Britt, Rohde

Not Present: Matt Smith, Krista Isaacson, Kristy Knowlton

1. Meeting called to order at 3:52 p.m. by Kim Kosorok
2. Janelle Wride moved to approve the minutes from our last meeting. April seconded the motion, all approved.
3. School Improvement Plan discussion—
 - We talked about three possible goals—writing, reading, and math. We discussed ways to frame possible goals: % improvement, 80% benchmarks, etc.
 - For writing, we discussed the idea of maintaining a writing portfolio for each student
 - For math, we discussed some of the worries we have about the discrepancy between what our Go Math curriculum contains and what the SAGE testing will require.
 - For reading, we discussed the worries we have about the way the Common Core has required an increase in the rigor. This year there is an almost 2 year increase in the level that each grade is required to achieve benchmark.
4. We talked about the SAGE testing. Mindy and Kim attended a district meeting about the new testing. We expressed concerns about how unknown the standards of the testing will be. It is

difficult to make goals, plan curriculum, or prepare students properly.

5. We had a discussion about safety concerns. We are worried about the drop/pick up procedure. Ilene detailed some of the details about the problems, and some possible solutions. We agreed that we will roll out a new procedure, but most members thought it would be better to be conservative about the way we begin to implement our plans in order to gain better compliance and make things safer.

6. Dee talked about 5th grade amazing success in fundraising for the Junior Achievement “Biztown” field trip.

7. Austin and Britt talked about the success of the Lego League Club.

8. In preparation, Kim requested we canvas the people we know to find out their opinions as we prepare to finalize our School Improvement Plan goals next month.

9. Natalie moved that we adjourn the meeting, Ilene seconded the motion, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.