

McNeil Canyon Elementary
Site Council Meeting
13 Sept 12

Members Present: Pete Swanson, Zen Kelly, Eric Engebretsen, Dale Banks, Corise Story and Laura Sheldon.

Members Absent: Krista Etwiler and Mark Marette.

Others Present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Pete asked if there were any questions about Site Council. None offered.

The School Improvement Plan was handed out to all members present. It identifies our school goals. NLCB requires that all schools have goals and be making progress called AYP or Annual Yearly Progress. It is the School's and District's responsibility to meet the goals.

There is a proposed new District Mission and Vision Statement.

ELL students will be missing 17 days this year. Old Believer schools have adjusted their calendars to make up these days including having Saturday school. We run out After School Learning Lab to help these students keep up.

Eric suggested sending a letter again about home journals, why we have them, how to respond to them, and that it is our goal.

Pete stated that he is wanting to add our school goals and progress to the Dragon Tales monthly newsletter.

The following dates were set for Site Council meetings for the remainder of the year: Nov. 29th, Feb 21st, and April 25th. We will meet at 3:30 pm.

Pete then handed out proposed changes to the District nutrition policy. Please review them and e-mail your comments by Nov. 1st to Laura.

Zen said that Chapman School had a FDA healthy snack program. Paul Banks also. Pete says it would come thru Dean in the Student Nutrition Office. Zen says it is all grant funded. Kachemak Wholesale got the bid and provides cases of fruit to schools. Pete will contact Dean and see what he can find out. Zen says it's a great program. Corise stated that she would love to have it available to her classroom.

Laura explained parent input form.

Zen said he has heard concerns about class sizes. Pete stated that teachers with lower numbers are supporting teachers with bigger numbers.

Eric asked if Site Council has any joint meetings with Community Council. Pete answered that we don't normally meet jointly.

Pete talked about assessment. The biggest problem he sees is that by 2014 all students must be proficient.

Dale asked about repercussions if we don't meet AYP. Pete said there aren't any until a school doesn't meet AYP for 2 years. If a school doesn't meet AYP for 5 years, the Feds say to change principal and staff and start over. Pete can try to provide any kind of assessment data you want. Laura said assessment data is also available on the District website.

Pete informed those present about upcoming happenings at McNeil. Coast Walk Sept 26th, 3-6 graders on 27th to Riders in the Sky, Family Game night 28th from 7-8:30, Picture Day Oct. 1st, Oct. 6th garage sale. The Borough Capital Community Funds meeting will be on Oct 20th from 9-2. They set aside \$20,000 for each area.

Pete stated that if there is anything he can help out with or any information members need, just let him know.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sheldon