

South View Middle School **Site Council Minutes from 10/11/2010**

Members Present: **Staff:** Beth Russell, Patrick Duffy, Steven Freese, Carmine Levoir, Melissa Kalinowski, Jodi Halvorson, Dana Roth, **Parents:** Andrea Knoll, Christine Moe, Debra Adegbenro, Kirsten Kemp, and Cathy Wood. **Students:** Connor Halling, Madison Seeley, Liam Hanrahan, Tamara Adegrenro, Vennela Pagadal, Nate Saunders, Regan Wagner, and Mara Finnegan .

Student Leadership Team Reports:

- Clean & Green: Shared goals and mission statement. They have received lots of suggestions from the community. Focusing on “the big picture” which is to create a greener/cleaner and more healthy school, recycling and conservation.
- Student Ambassadors: Mission: community outreach and welcoming families and students to South View. Goals-Communicate with new families and students throughout the year. Model for current SV students how to be more welcoming to new students.
- PACC- Creating a video or podcast to demonstrate good agenda use & notetaking. Putting tools for learning on the website.
- DRBreal-Channel 11 videotaped the group during a group leadership meeting for “What’s Cool in Our School” news segment. This will air soon-stay tuned. The team has been doing training and practicing scenarios.
- Spirit-Working on spirit week and mixers. Goal is to involve more students and staff.
- WEB-Planning on 1st&2nd semester activities for 6th graders. Will check with parent council for funding.

Staff/District Update- Beth Russell:

Southview staff has determined 4 areas for targeted focus per the district Vision card. They will focus on data, standards, equity and culturally proficient teaching practices. She will share feedback on Open Houses at November meeting.

Retreat debrief: Comments were shared by staff, students and parents regarding the pros and cons of retreats. Overall, they are seen to positively provide a team building and community building experience for students and staff outside of school. Some students expressed a preference for staying in school for a one day retreat. Students appreciated the opportunity to mix with others students and work with a group not of their choosing. Some would prefer more mixing between teams. Staff appreciated being able to see students’ interaction outside of classroom. Strong message of respect at all the retreats. Cost and logistics are an issue as numbers of students at school has grown. It’s hard to find a location big enough to accommodate the whole grade, so they need to split into teams. Benefits need to be better communicated to parents.

Other issues:

Discussion ensued over behavioral issues outside of school at sporting events. Some students exhibiting risky and unruly behavior. Expectations and consequences need to be clear.