

South View Middle School
Site Council Minutes from 11/8/2010

Members Present: **Staff:** Beth Russell, Patrick Duffy, 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, Vannela Pagadala, and Cooper Silburn.

Student Leadership Team Reports:

- Clean & Green: No representative
- Student Ambassadors: students working on Kindness retreats with the 5th graders. Now focusing on prospective students, student tours and shadowing.
- PACC- Focusing on organization tips, and homework checks, how to use agenda to communicate with parents and stay organized, locker use. Might be helpful to have table at conferences to help parents understand online tools.
- DRBreal- Presenting to 6th grade on bullying, successful retreat and recapped the Underground Railroad simulation,
- Spirit- recapped Spirit week and Mixers: Would like to do Spirit Week next year around EHS Homecoming for better participation. May do a SV Spirit week around Winterfest. Overall it went well. Participation was good from 6 and 7th grade. May look at something other than a mixer next year for 8th and 9th.

Open House, Conferences and Curriculum- recapped Open house feedback. Survey results were largely positive and indicated that parent's main objective is to meet teachers, using a mixture of large group and classroom time to understand curriculum. Some negative feedback reported on lines that formed in some classes to meet teachers. Conference time has been cut by four hours, so time with each family will be short. Some teachers using a pre-conference survey. Beth will include information in newsletter about how to make time effective. Curriculum information will be largely on-line for Curriculum night.

Parent Council/ Parent Leadership Council District Update: Kirsten Kemp South View PC has approved \$10,000 in grants to staff. Upcoming events: Grandparents Day for 6th grade and Barnes and Noble Fundraiser on Dec 15th. At PLC, Dr. Dressen reviewed enrollment, which is up due to higher resident enrollment. Open Enrollment is closed. SV is 91 students over projections and Cornelia, Concord and SV are seeing the biggest growth in the district. Putting pressure on staffing ratios. Looking at how to use space most effectively with architect facilities study. Much district transition and change right now. School board is reviewing policies, reduced from 542 to 170.

Other issues:

Middle School study committees are convening. Look for information on participating. Committee had a discussion on student-home communication, and use of email and phone.

Next Meeting: December 13, 2010, Media Center 3-4 p.m.
Laurie Fleming, treats