

South View Middle School **Site Council Minutes from 12/13/10**

Members Present: **Staff:** Beth Russell, Steve Freese, Jodi Halvorson, Dana Roth, **Parents:** Andrea Knoll, Christine Moe, Deb Adegbenro, Laurie Fleming, Kirsten Kemp, and Cathy Wood. **Students:** Connor Halling, Madison Seeley, Liam Hanrahan, Tamara Adegrenro, Nate Saunders, Regan Wagner, Vannela Pagadala, and Mara Finnegan.

Student Leadership Team Reports:

- Clean & Green: working on electronic newsletter with tips, finalizing goals and finding they need to focus more on attitude changes than education.
- Student Ambassadors: Prospective families are touring. Prepared a power point and 4 – 6 students gave tours, with a few students shadowing. Open enrollment has closed so visitors are residents and new residents.
- PACC- working on videos about agenda use, and online tools. Setting up tutoring days.
- DRBreal- Working on an ethnic festival, and inviting 4 teachers per grade.
- Spirit- Working on Random Acts of Kindness and candygram details. Made cards for the custodians. Mixer surveys are in and studying the supportive criticisms.
- WEB- participants must make a big commitment to be on the team, and are learning about time management and follow through. A planned activity needed to be postponed because necessary details weren't executed.

Beth Russell: Discussing **grade and behavior expectations for leadership team** members. Staff discussion underway. Site Council may need to approve a policy, similar to guidelines for sports participation governing academic progress and behavior. We will discuss this further in Jan and Feb, and make a policy recommendation in March.

Students are to check with their teams to get feedback on what would be appropriate behavior guidelines: ie. Attendance, discipline.

Generally, the feedback has been positive on student leadership and advisory teams. There have been some tardies, but 93 percent of students have attendance of 95 percent or better. School Message system is helping with reporting and tracking. Attendance is now on-line and taken every hour. Students reported as an unexcused absence get an automatic call home.

AVID: program will be expanded next year. The high school is starting a program. Parents and college students are volunteer tutors. SV will begin interviewing students in the spring for participation next fall. Focus is on organization and school skills.

Enriched courses: No longer gatekeeping on who can enroll in enriched. Most students are doing well. A pre-AP curriculum is under consideration.

SV is working to identify goals for **Affective Curriculum**, ie. Respect. Our retreats, Spirit of SV, assemblies are all a part of this. Aligning with national middle school curriculum called "This We Believe".

We will be participating in **IMPACT LIVES** again this year. May be expanded to include a social event designed to bring families together. Families will be asked to help plan event.

Will be recruiting participants in committees for **the middle school study**.

Standards Based Grading- The staff is starting to look at ways to integrate standards based grading more consistently into the curriculum. They are starting with interventions. In January, they will discuss assessments. They will try to communicate what is consistent to begin to work on policy later in the year.

Parent Council/ Parent Leadership Council District: No report due to time constraints. Barnes and Noble book fair is coming up.

Other Discussion/ issues: Students recommended that we investigate other lunch room table configurations. There is not enough seating to allow for flexibility and mixing. Round tables were suggested, but may be unworkable due to space and budget constraints. Other ideas presented included more “mix it up days”. ***Students were asked to discuss with advisory teams any fun ways to mix up seating at lunch occasionally.*** Also, advisory groups could meet at lunch occasionally. Generally, the lunch room feels too crowded. Another lunch time or more space would be welcomed.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2011, Media Center 3-4 p.m.
Christine Moe, treats