

South View Middle School
Site Council Minutes from 3/14/2011

Members Present: Staff: Beth Russell, Carmine LeVoi, Dana Roth, Steve Freese
Parents: Andrea Knoll, Christine Moe, Cathy Wood and Kirsten Kemp. **Students:**
Madison Seeley, Nate Saunders, Vannela Pagadala, and Connor Halling.

Minutes from February meeting were approved.

Beth Russell. Standards Based Grading- Received 78 responses on staff survey regarding grading policies. Formative/summative weightings and test retake policies. Half of the teams have similarity of grading between formative and summative weighting. Most staff felt their curriculum was clearly tied to a standard. Survey indicated there needs to be clarity and commonality around grading (what does it mean to meet a standard- what grade?) The district has not taken a lead on this yet, but is looking at SV discussions and other district work in this area. A new TIES report card based on standards is in development. Students on the Council were asked if they were aware of standards. Generally, they are and that it is becoming increasingly common for a teacher to tie learning to the standard, but students felt it varied from class to class. Council discussed grading. Staff agreed there was room for greater cohesion and consistency around test retake policies. Council asked that transition to EHS should also be considered. Grades also take into consideration participation, tardies, homework, attitude, deadlines, late work, etc. The Leadership team will take comments and survey work under consideration to develop a recommendation for staff. Council asked to be included in the policy review process.

Youth Service Review Board policy was presented. The YSRB would provide a structure and process for interested individuals or groups who want to organize a community service project, raise money, or hold a collection drive. Process for approval would include an application and presentation to the advisory group. Membership on the review board would include students, teachers, administrators, parents and a student leadership team member. They will be supervised by Cathy Heller and meet once or twice a month. Council was generally in favor a review board for student service projects, specifically for those projects that were student led and extra-curricular.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2011, Media Center 3-4 p.m.
Carmine LeVoi, treats