

Site Council 4-14-09
Minutes

Members present: Kathryn Nikas, Lisa Simmons, Mary Ann York, Lisa Salisbury, Terri Marcille, Susan Dwyer, Kara Delaney, Candyce Wainwright

Members absent: Skip Blaeser

1. Thank you to Jenn Weiler for her support and contributions to the Site Council. Good luck in Chicago to her and her family! Jenn thanked Kathryn and teachers for their wonderful experience here at Cole School.
2. Community Relations report out:
 - a. Books in Bloom Update
 - i. Students and teachers will be walking their class projects to the library on Thursday
 - ii. Thank you to Terri Marcille for working with the library on this project
 - b. Earth Day celebration planned for April 30th at Cole School with clean up around school grounds
 - c. May: Yoga grant submitted by Margaret Costello
 - d. Possibly get in touch with Girl Scouts about repainting the playground
 - e. Community Reader Day was a big success!
 - f. Kathryn will be speaking with Seniors to coordinate a Gr. 2 singing event
 - g. Teachers: please check with grade levels on ideas for fall (possible luncheon, K/1 sing along)
3. School Building Usage Agreement: fee schedule for users and new form has been submitted and voted on by School Committee that is similar to those of other area schools
4. School Improvement Planning: Kathryn is working on new plan and tying in data to different areas of the plan
 - a. Data taken from surveys of parents, teachers, students and work of staff
 - b. Kathryn wants feedback on current draft; new draft at May meeting
 - c. 180 respondents to the parent survey (a little more than 50%_
 - d. feedback and data from the RTI process will be added in
 - e. Kathryn would like to repeat the survey annually and would like any suggestions for changes/additions to the questions. Site Council suggestions included adding questions about:
 - i. Student use of school website
 - ii. Bus
 - iii. School handbook
 - iv. Bullying
 - v. Technology

5. New membership: there are 3 parent openings and 3 teacher openings on Site Council next year, along with 1 community representative. Kathryn will ask the PTO to once again run the parent elections.

Submitted by Lisa Sallisbury