

Cole School Site Council
5-11-09

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

Members absent: Skip Blaeser

Others in Attendance: Josh Kennedy, Boxford Town Library

1. Community Relations report out
 - a. Books in Bloom recap; no awards next year, but perhaps a book donated on behalf of Cole School's participation
 - b. Earth Day clean up went well; we discussed ways to change areas of clean up
 - c. Yoga grant on table still
 - d. Playground will be repainted this summer by Girl Scout troop
 - e. Looking for a possible trails rep. For Site Council next year
 - f. Discussed ways to utilize parent resource bank

2. School building Usage Agreement: Kathryn brought a final draft of the usage agreement

3. School Improvement Plan draft slide show presented by Kathryn
 - a. Kathryn will continue to tie in data collected from Data Team, parent, student and teacher surveys, focus groups, work of Site Council, etc.
 - b. Data collected is matched to the goals of the School Improvement Plan
 - c. Kathryn will continue to work with Data Team to complete the presentation
 - d. Gaps included:
 - i. Professional Learning Community
 - ii. Learning styles
 - iii. Character education
 - iv. Professional Development (various aspects)
 - e. What are root causes? The Data Team came up with list of the root causes (this list of root causes is not complete)
 - f. Next steps for quality planning are, now that we have the perceptions, where do we go next?
 - i. How can we get to where we want to be?
 - ii. How will we implement?
 - iii. Site Council can give feedback based on current SIP draft
 1. feedback included ideas about more reflection on learning styles
 2. utilizing Professional Development Committee and teacher input about PD plan
 3. staff meeting work to understand change process
 4. idea sharing outside school walls (blogs, workshops, etc)

5. should we add technology goal? Candyce sees us moving toward technology being the tool and would like to see technology imbedded in the curriculum goal
 - a. Increase opportunities for (teacher) peer observations
 - b. Technology Club?
 - c. Share a Smartboard activity each month (by class/grade level, etc.); Share any idea each month
EVERYONE
 6. Increase work across and between grade levels through:
 - a. Cross grade-level buddies
 - b. Sharing activities or ideas
 - iv. Please email Kathryn any ideas/suggestions prior to next meeting on 6/1/09
 4. New membership needed:
 - a. 3 parents will be elected through PTO
 - b. 3 teachers need to come on (elections will be needed)
 5. June meeting/celebrations: each person bring something to share