

Lake Pleasant Elementary

Site Council Meeting
September 20, 2017

Members:

Admin: Jessica Bartels- in attendance

Admin: Dustin Hamman – absent

Minute Taker: Debbie Southards – in attendance

Teacher: Aaron Schooler – absent

Teacher: Megan Preston – in attendance

Classified Staff: Anita Mattia – in attendance

Parent: Melissa Briggs – in attendance

Parent: Susan Prestidge – in attendance

Parent: Morningstar Calhoun – in attendance

Community Member: Kathy McKinstry – in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm. Introductions were made.

Topics of Discussion:

• Site Council Function

Mrs. Bartels reviewed the function of the Site Council:

- To promote the involvement of parents/guardians
- Discuss district policies & curriculum and make recommendations for improvement
- Review student performance in terms of state, district and school goals and make recommendations for improvement
- Identify & obtain resources that will enhance the educational program
- Discuss school budget allocations and make suggestions to improve the appearance and safety of the school
- Consider strategies to strengthen school and community relationships

• Curriculum – Pilot Programs

Mrs. Bartels shared that Lake Pleasant Elementary is piloting several new digital programs this year:

- Imagine Learning (ELA for grades K-6 and Math for grades 3-8)
- IXL (Math for grades K-2)
- FLEX Literacy (ELA for grades 3-5)
- Study Sync (ELA for grades 6-8)

Lake Pleasant is also continuing to use Big Brainz (Math for grades K-5), which the district added last year.

Kindergarten students are just starting to learn how to log on and use technology in their classrooms and the library.

- **Laptops**

Mrs. Bartels shared that we were considering a “laptop drive” to purchase additional laptops for the classrooms. Some ideas on how to communicate to the community were:

- Vistancia Coffee Table Meetings
- Vistancia Living Article
- Put together a 1-minute video on how to donate
- Article in Peoria Today newspaper
- Friends of Peoria Library
- Library has a community reading program where volunteers can come in on the 1st Friday of each month
- Utilize tax credit donations?

- **School Goal – Input**

Mrs. Bartels explained that administration sets goals for the school each year, just like teachers select goals for their annual reviews. This year administration would like to set the goal around digital learning. Achievement scores must be measurable (using AzMERIT or comprehensive assessment scores). The thought was to use the August assessment scores and measure against the February assessment scores, which are more accurate than using AzMERIT scores, since you are comparing the same students from start to finish. AzMERIT scores would measure last year’s students to this year’s students, which are different due to increased enrollment this year.

Site council members would like the school to “advertise/share” data for K-2 grade levels since they do not take the AzMERIT. It would be nice to see the growth that these grade levels make throughout the year. They would also like to promote other events in those classrooms such as Buddy Classes (website and Facebook).

- **Safety – Feedback**

- Parents are making U-turns and parking on the street in front of Aria gate. There used to be a 4-way stop sign there, but City took it down. Maybe we should consider getting it put back up?
- Kinder parents are double parking in the loading area, which blocks those who are trying to pull through and leave.

- Parents expressed that older kids are being dismissed before the 3:00 bell rings. Administration will need to check with teachers. They also shared that teachers are reporting to their duty locations late.
- Mrs. Mattia shared that the corner mirror in the library cracked and was taken down so now she is not able to monitor students in the corner of the library. It would cost approximately \$85 to purchase the 26" mirror. Two members of the site council volunteered to purchase two long wardrobe mirrors and "gift" to the school.

- **Meeting Schedule**

The 2017-18 meeting schedule was reviewed and approved by Site Council members.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at 3:15 pm.