

Agenda

School Site Council

Alternative Family Education

January 26, 2010

10:15-11:15

Textbook Room

Note taker: Nancy Aylsworth

Chairperson: Mollie Jarrow

District Liaison/Agenda Creator: Curt Coleman

Item	Time	Desired Outcome	Action
1. Welcome, Review Agenda, Quick Business	10	Welcome and make necessary adjustments	Present: Jim Allen-Young, Nancy Aylsworth, Curt Coleman Minutes approved. Melisa Schwarm, is willing to look into the New Leaf card program and may be willing to administer it if the minimal number of people are willing to buy in. Curt is looking in to whether or not BSSC is receiving its fair share of parcel tax money. Curt is also checking into the viability of having a store AFE can participate in on campus. Curt reviewed budget: Huge budget cuts in the district for next year. Big hits at the district office level. No mid-year cuts. Good News: AFE's staff numbers are looking good for next year. No decision on teacher: student ration yet.
2. Parent Club Funding and Town Hall Meeting Debrief	15	Council is informed and moving towards next steps	Meeting in December went very well and goals of meeting were met. Site council will plan another Town Hall Meeting to make decisions on spending for next year. Proposals for classes and events would be received in April for a May meeting.
3. Annual Family Survey	15	Any topics of concern?	Question regarding why students participate in core classes – is it for academic or social reasons to help teachers determine content of class. Possible question about computer use at school and especially in the RC??? Will follow through with staff on this. Question on survey – We know that the AFE community values evening events, would you support the staff in asking every family to assist with one or more events during the year. If the response is yes, then we move forward, If the answer is no then we have fewer events in the future.
4. Volunteer Parent Support for AFE Activities*	15	How do we approach parents on this topic?	Suggests staff use online bulletin board and RC bulletin board to ask for help. Staff should name specific needs, as wide-open requests can be intimidating. A focused call for help is probably more efficient. Perhaps we could ask all families to offer support at some level to one of the events during the year.
5. Open Forum for Input from	5	Site Council will be	Discussion on computer use in the RC. Curt will bring concerns to staff meeting for

Families; Suggested Items for Upcoming Meetings		responsive to needs of families	more clarity on direction to take. Proposal from site council on making Fridays in RC a no computer day.
Total time:	60		

* From the staff: How to involve parents and build community while not burning out parents who already help so much? We need to ask for volunteers in a gentle way so they don't feel overburdened and so parents can focus on homeschooling their kids. Definitely asking parents vs. demanding. The economy is making it harder for parents to volunteer. We don't want to come from a spirit of fear. Possible activities: Palazzo Art Show, Follywood, Talent Sharing, Graduation, Theatre, Yearbook.

Quick Business and Announcements

- Approve Minutes
- Fundraising Update: New Leaf Changes
- Report from BSSC Advisory Council

Future Meeting Dates (10:15-11:15 AM)

February 23

April 27

March 23

May 25

Future Items

Staffing, 10-11 - Determine possible course of action

Feedback on Class Evaluations