

## School Site Council Meeting

October 8, 2009

- Welcome and introductions (in attendance: Denise Russo, Kristin Barrett, Alysen Lanagan, Kimberly Grover, Jeff Bryant, Grant Coffin, Carol Clouse)
- Review and approve Agenda
- Review and approve Minutes from September
- Review and approve Revised School Plan for 2009-2010-Fixed typos-Questions about addition of math training-First and seconded acceptance of School Plan content based on correction of typographical errors- Motion requested-first by Jeff and seconded by Denise- all in favor-motion passed.
- Budget update-Discussed addition of \$7,000 to the Revised School Plan
- School Update- Official announcement that we have crested 900 points on the CST- first school in the district
  - Made benchmarks- Identified low point (writing) in CST testing.
  - No more writing assessments statewide for elementary for CST testing- we will still do school and district assessments.
  - Ongoing math conversations- Support specialist has been working with Deb to integrate into the classroom. Looking at supplements to the program or letting teachers use additional materials to work along with HM. Benchmarks assessments have been given. What areas of weakness are we creating and how can these areas be supplemented? Teachers were given two programs to choose from districtwide. Despite frustrations, we are going to use this program, gather data, and supplement as needed. Use data as appropriate. Double digit percentage difference (lower) on CST testing between 5<sup>th</sup> graders last year who transitioned to HM from other programs. Is this because of HM or simply transitioning from another program? Discussion of assessments used HM created assessments vs. test generator.
- Harvest Festival-
  - Awesome!! Great experience -Better system for making candy necklaces- How many pumpkins were left? -As community event- Harvest Festival is great

-Another community builder in the Spring?- movie night scheduled in May- something in early spring- reading night? Young authors reading group? MPR every 6-8 weeks for community discussions

-To PA- working on community involvement- reading night in March

- Parent Conferences-

-Need earlier notice- how conferences are scheduled- can teachers use staff meeting to schedule?

- Site Council Elections at parent conferences- addition of write-on nominee

- Site Council Training coming up on 10/20

- DLAC representative- elected Kristin Barrett

- Community Outreach –Jeff Bryant- Aneid International-nonprofit start-up school in Kabul- looking for sister schools around the world. Presentation to the upper grades- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss life in Kabul and how they hope to expand their schools.