

Site Council Minutes

May 11, 2006

5th Grade Experience

Over the last several months we have had a lot of dialogue about and feedback from parents about the benefits and concerns of both the Environmental Learning Center trip (Camp St. Croix) and alternatives like 4-5 fieldtrips throughout the school year.

We decided to keep the Environmental Learning Center trip (Camp St. Croix), but adapt the program to better address many of our concerns. As a result we will recommend that PTO fund a one night and two-day trip starting in the 2007-2008 school year. Although arrangements will need to be made with Camp St. Croix, we are planning on departing on Friday morning and returning on Saturday around supertime.

Some of the factors that led us to make the change include:

- We will not lose nearly as much instructional time
- The content of the trip is loosely connected to the essential outcomes for 5th grade
- The shorter time frame and Friday-Saturday timing will hopefully make it easier to get the necessary parent volunteers.
- The lower costs will hopefully make collecting donations and fundraising easier.

Parent representative on the School Improvement Planning team

John Baker was nominated and agreed to be the Site Council parent representative to our team for the 2006-2007 plan.

Distributing report cards and MAP results

After having dialogue about a couple of options for distributing report cards and MAP results at the end of the school year we decided to send both documents home with students in a sealed envelope on the last day of school.

Parent Survey Results

We had 72 responses to our school improvement survey this year (about half of last year's respondents). Thanks to everyone who took the time to take the survey online or returned the paper forms!

- I feel welcome at Oakdale Elementary.
 - Goal – 90%
 - Actual – 92%
- My child is safe at Oakdale Elementary.
 - Goal – 85%
 - Actual – 85%

Yeah !

Yeah !

- The students show respect for other students.
 - Goal – 75%
 - Actual – 68%
 - Last year – 65%

We're still working on this one!

There was a lot of dialogue about the last item. Staff and parents both felt that the results of the survey did not adequately reflect the progress that has been made this year. We have seen a lot of growth in this area, especially with the implementation of our Responsive Classroom philosophy. Part of Responsive Classroom is teaching kids about important life skills like respect, responsibility, and cooperation.

We are planning to build upon this year's improvements for next year.

- We will have all classroom teachers, all specialists, and several support staff trained in Responsive Classroom by the start of next school year.
- We are also starting a monthly all-school morning meeting to help build community

Membership

Barb Ahn	Primary Teachers	702-8581
Melissa Garay-Triviski	Primary Parents	735-3303
Dayle Langlois	Intermediate Teachers	702-8531
Kathy Lukin	Special Education	702-8569
Peter Mau	Administration	702-8510
Suzanne Miller	Intermediate Parents	738-0255
Krista Muccio	Primary Parents	
John Baker	Intermediate Parents	738-1484
Melissa Furch	Support Staff	702-8584

Your feedback is welcome. Please call your representative on the site council with questions or concerns.

Thank you to all the Site Council members for their hard work and dedication this year!