

School Council
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017

Meeting commenced at 3:44 p.m.

- 1) School Council responsibilities
 - #1 is the School Improvement Plan.
 - Angie handed out last year's SIP.
 - Although we will work to implement this year's SIP, there is plenty of room for improvement in next year's.

- 2) School Improvement Plan
 - A. Goal 1: Student Achievement
 - One column was added: Status.
 - Implementing the Accountability Plan and the Strategic Plan doesn't need to be included in the SIP since they are their own plans.
 - Google Drive-based portfolios should be worked on this year; Level III has started, Level IV has fully implemented it, high school is doing it sporadically. It hasn't really been started in Levels I and II.
 - Jenny is a resource for the implementation of this and will be invited to future meetings.
 - The status column will have a number as shown at the bottom of the pages.
 - The next 8 sections are curriculum. Structure is completed, implementation is being worked on. 1's can be put in the Status column for these.
 - The 5-12 Health and Wellness curriculum is in place and is being filled with various programs; K-4 still needs work, although state standards for substance abuse curriculum are only for 5-12.
 - Increasing teacher fluency in data analysis was worked on at the Professional Development day trainings on November 1. This is ongoing.
 - The section about providing electronic resources for students is a leftover from server issues last year; this is another area where Jenny can have input.
 - Next year's SIP needs to have plans for students from low income families having access to technology, along with basic life necessities and school activities.
 - Clean school initiative has not gone well. It was removed and then replaced.
 - Home-school communication: for next year this goal needs to stay but the activities need to look a bit different.
 - Parents will get more out of communication if it can be divided by levels. Not everyone needs information on the whole school, they may only need one or two levels.
 - The Update should be more user-friendly, with far less information. Joe suggested links to go directly to what parents need instead of a dozen pages of things that they may or may not need.
 - Recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff has been ongoing.

- Increasing the diversity of parent involvement is a good goal for next year, with emphasis on access for those with limited means.
- The location and distance of the auction is difficult for families.
- One thing that could help would be to not call it a “gala” or “auction” but a school fundraiser. Having inexpensive raffles can raise money and be much more inviting for all families.
- Angie passed out explanations of what the SIP is supposed to contain and read it out loud.
- We can look at other schools’ (especially charter schools’) SIP’s to see how they compare.

Time ran out; to be continued next meeting, which will be November 30. Dee will send an email saying that this is the date of the next meeting.

- 3) Current Plan
 - a. Problems
 - b. Plan for this year

- 4) Legal Elements
 - a. What have we done well?
 - b. What should our focus be?

- 5) Plan Moving Forward

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Attending:

Angie Pepin
June Fontaine
Kerry Griffin
Krista Cafourek
Mary Carter
Joe Kay
Cissy White