

Green Elementary
School Site Council (SSC) Meeting - 09/29/2008

Minutes

Attendees - Timothy Dale, Principal
Annette Fox
Joe Frescatore
Michelle Hackley
Dawna Hermanson
Laura Kirsch
Jack Sampier
Kyle Scroggins
Heather Williams
Liz Wright

5:35 PM – Principal Dale calls meeting to order

Introductions

Principal Dale explained goals of accelerating overall student achievement and provided a general review of the “Single Plan for Student Achievement at Green Elementary School (the Plan).” Principal Dale noted that new school district directives have emphasized attention on under-performing student sub-groups and announced efforts to assist these student populations with increased assistance and oversight. Principal Dale advocated that additional attention and resources be devoted to Green Elementary’s African-American student population. Principal Dale outlined proposed increases for math (number sense) and language arts (reading comprehension) scores related to the African-American student sub-group (page 3 of “the Plan”).

Principal Dale provided an overview of the purpose and responsibilities of the SSC.

6:13 PM - Principal Dale proposed a motion to permit reimbursement of funds to Green’s budget. Laura Kirsch issued the motion. Joe Frescatore seconds the motion. Motion passed.

The SSC discussed possible methods to divide and expend GATE funding. The SSC resolved to permit each teacher receiving the GATE funds the ability to determine the manner in which those funds would be utilized. The SSC elected to add the caveat that the teacher must provide an “intent of use” statement upon receiving the funds to allow the SSC to review how the funds were spent and assess effectiveness.

6:27 PM - Joe Frescatore issued a motion to evenly distribute the GATE funds between eight (8) classrooms; three 3rd grade, two 4th grade, two 5th grade, one combo class. Jack Sampier seconds the motion. Motion passed.

6:28 PM - Michelle Hackley issued a motion to accept the revision of “the Plan” for the 2008-2009 school year as set forth in Principal Dale’s draft version that was presented and reviewed by the SSC. Dawna Hermanson seconds the motion. Motion passed

6:40 PM - Principal Dale announced that Joanne McDonald (Class Size Reduction Teacher) was leaving Green and the SSC would be responsible for either locating a replacement for Ms. McDonald or re-allocating the funding that had been set aside for her salary. Michelle Hackley expressed concern for students who had been assigned to Ms. McDonald and may be forced to return to their primary teacher in the near future. The SSC recommended that Principal Dale expend efforts to locate a suitable replacement for Ms. McDonald and reconvene at a later date to assess the situation. Ms. Hackley issued a motion to permit Principal Dale to initiate discussions with District Human Resources personnel to locate a replacement teacher for Ms. McDonald. Dawna Hermanson seconds the motion. Motion passed.

6:45 PM - Principal Dale issued a motion to nominate SSC officers. Jack Sampier volunteered as president. Heather Williams volunteered as secretary. Joe Frescatore, Laura Kirsch, Jack Sampier, and Liz Wright were designated as one-year SSC representatives. Annette Fox, Michelle Hackley, Dawna Hermanson, Kyle Scroggins, and Heather Williams were designated as two-year SSC representatives. Laura Kirsch seconds the motion. Motion passed.

6:53 PM - Jack Sampier issued a motion to amend the wording on page 7 of “the Plan.” Mr. Sampier recommended that the Intensive Intervention (Tier 3) section, second sentence read “Small group work with class size reduction teacher targeting struggling students in lower grades if a suitable teacher can be found.” Laura Kirsch seconds the motion. Motion passed.

6:54 PM - Principal Dale issued a motion to authorize SSC by-laws to be e-mailed to SSC representatives. Jack Sampier seconds the motion. Motion passed.

SSC president, Jack Sampier, set the next SSC meeting for October 13, 2008 at 2:30 PM.

6:58 PM - Meeting adjourned.