

Henry Elementary School Site Council

Meeting minutes, Monday, January 11, 2010

Attendance:

Members Present/Classification:

Jonathan Ben-Asher, Principal
Brianna Woolen, Certified
Kim Bachenheimer, Certified
Diane Holzman, Certified
Christy Canovas, ESP
Michelle Ward, Parent
Gary Fowler, parent
Kim MacAllister, parent
B.J. Cordova, Community Member

Guests:

Absent:

Lorrie Baker, ESP

1. Meeting called to order by Facilitator, Christy Canovas, at 3:24
2. Minutes of January 5th, 2010 meeting were distributed at the meeting. It was noted that the attendance/sign-in roster needs to be adjusted to include all the guests that were in attendance.
3. Since last meeting 1/5, let the council know about four meetings – Henry staff, not a lot of new info but discussing specific class sizes (previously, 3 teachers surveyed said no, but after specific financial implications were discussed it appears that exploring the merger was appropriate. How can we better sell our school and come together to use this opportunity to improve the school?) – we want to hear from people one way or the other; also, meeting with Wrightstown site council (5 people-3 teachers/2 parent representatives) and concerned parents, with district representatives also present; also Henry and Van Horne represented, with a lot of discussion about the future of the school (Wrightstown's first preference would be to bring another school on to their campus; or second to explore merger with Bloom, Van Horne or Collier; Henry was not specifically being pursued, but this may be an opportunity for Henry to sell itself and make an ask, but ultimately parents, staff & community to have input; perhaps Henry and Wrightstown could create a new primary and intermediate grades package together as a creative option?) – perhaps a letter from Henry site council would also be appropriate to make the invite now that faculty is more on board; could we also approach another school? Various nearby schools and their enrollment versus capacity were discussed.

Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.