

Wrightstown-Henry Site Site Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2010

Meeting called to order at 3:53 pm

Wrightstown Members Present:

Jon Ben-Asher
James Clark
Lynne Hooge
Nicole Roqueta
Larry Berry
Arlene Doran
Melissa Goularte
Rebecca Ayers

Henry Members Present:

Jon Ben-Asher
Christy Canovas
Kim Bachenheimer
Lorrie Baker
Arlene Stamp
Gary Fowler
B.J. Cordova

Members Absent:

Sandy Coons
Jessica Markley

Members Absent:

Kim MacAllister
Michelle Ward
Brianna Woolen
Diane Holzman

Minutes:

1) Minutes: Minutes from 3-3-10 were approved.

2) Discussion Items:

Resource Allocation- Drafts of the Resource Allocation Process and Recommendations from Staff were distributed. This included a letter of explanation from Mr. Ben-Asher who was not able to attend this portion of the meeting. The reduction worksheets for 6%, 8% and 10% were reviewed.

- There has been concern expressed to site council members that teachers and staff at Henry want more money allocated to library and less to the counseling position. There was discussion about making the counselor and librarian each half time.
- Ms. Arlene was asked if she will be at more than one school next year. She said that most schools don't have the points, they won't be able to budget counselors. She also reported that due to the unitary status plan, the district will be using counselors to uphold the requirements. There was a possibility that the district would pay for the counselors outside of the bucket points, but there was a problem and it doesn't look like it will happen.
- There seems to be some discrepancy in the figures on the reduction worksheets.
- Putting the counselor at half time and a librarian at .35 was looked at. One member thought that going half time with the counselor was insane with what the kids are about to go through.
- There was discussion about the difference between a librarian and a library assistant and their function. Both schools have had wonderful librarians in the past, but have used volunteers this year.

- Mr. Ben-Asher felt that the librarian supported the teachers more in the past with help with curriculum and instruction. He feels strongly that the counseling position will be crucial to the merging of the two schools. Other members supported this view.
- It was suggested that we take the budget back to the staff to discuss the librarian and counselor allocations.

Merger Committee Reports-

- Mr. Ben-Asher presented the Capital Improvement Proposal. There are citizens on a committee that will be reviewing our requests. Requests will need to be reasonable, concern safety, be needed to support a larger population and to make it relevant from an educational perspective. A concern was expressed about the heating and cooling in the building.
- There was discussion about the Transition activities. There are concerns about the singing performance on April 8th. There isn't enough time to prepare the students. Mr. Ben-Asher suggested a sing along. There were mixed responses to this idea. The district will not be funding the food for the events, but they will provide the funding for busses and substitutes. The field day will probably have to be rescheduled and we may need to reschedule the spaghetti dinner because of the TUSD public forum the next night. The menu was discussed and the dinner was changed to pizza. Teachers will discuss learning songs or finger-plays to perform that night.
- The district will fund \$1,206 for our transition activities. They are considering providing funds for teachers moving over from Wrightstown. Plans are getting started to move Wrightstown.
- The district would like to see the move completed by June for the end of the fiscal year. Teachers will not be protected from a RIF but will be under the same scrutiny as all teachers in the district.
- There was discussion about KIDCO, which will be held at Henry for the summer.

3) Call to the Audience- There were no requests.

4) Future Joint Meetings:

Tuesday, March 30 @ Wrightstown at 4:30 pm

Tuesday, April 13 @ Henry at 3:45 pm

Tuesday, April 27 @ Wrightstown at 4:30 pm

Tuesday, May 11 @ Henry at 3:45 pm

Tuesday, May 25 @ Wrightstown at 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lynne Hooge