

Site-Based Committee Meeting Minutes

Parkwood Middle School

3219 Parkwood School Road
Monroe, North Carolina 28112

January 22, 2015

3:45 pm

Committee Members:

Lisa Chapman, Media Coordinator, Chair	Jeff Kraftson, Principal
Dan Edwards, Assistant principal	Susan Rodgers, Assistant principal
Nicole DePietro, Related Arts	Michelle Melton, 8 th grade representative
Allison Bolen, Guidance	Amy Pighin, 7 th grade representative
Rebekah Fuerst 6 th grade representative	Wendy Keenan, Parent Representative
Heather Mogan, Parent Representative	Sabrina Clontz, Parent representative
Susan Wilhelm, EC Representative	Lisa Starnes, Parent representative
Sara Blanzky, Globalization chair	

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Kraftson on January 22, 2015 in the Parkwood Middle School Media Center at 3:45 PM.

Agenda:

- International Festival February 26th 6-7:30
 - Susan Rodgers-connection to the SIP
 - Global committee meets with SBMT team- district Goal 5
 - Plant seeds to grow and help reach potential for our global initiatives. Want to work with SBMT to develop our global initiatives that follow UCPS global initiatives
 - Meet global expectations and 21st century skills
 - Innovations and collaborations with the community
 - Globalization Chair Sara Blanzky
 - February 20th Champs (an international organization)
 - Dance proceeds will go to this organization
 - Raises funds for getting bomb sniffing dogs to find land minds- As a state of NC we are raising money to get one purchased by our state.
 - We are collaborating with the Parkwood High School to join us in this
 - All schools in our cluster have been invited to participate based on the principal cluster meeting in Dec, 2014 @ PWMS.

- Joined with the Science fair. The theme will be “green”
 - Drama, band and chorus will be combining to do a presentation
 - Howie (Art) will put up various displays
 - International food trucks will be present as well (Ties in with business support)
 - Possibly include Townsend and Pierre-Louis to have a booth as well
 - Day to day in classrooms teachers are making global connections with the students.
 - Recognitions to the importance of the global market. We have to prepare our kids for the real world. Students need to understand the importance of the International community.
 - Multifaceted with the technology component and higher order thinking skills so these kids will be competitive with the real world
 - Looking for the support of the SB team for our global initiative.
- Principal Updates
 - Buildings, grounds, beautification, plants etc.
 - Late February/March we are in line for a new roof
 - Over the break, all door frames in the school were painted PW blue
 - All the wooden doors in the school were refinished. Completely sanded down and refinished.
 - Front security doorway was completed. Next month the security cameras will be installed and a visitor will have to be buzzed in by someone in the office
 - Additional 2 card reader doors
 - Outside we are continuing to improve the curb appeal of the school. The large shrubs were removed
 - Spring project will be to get parents and businesses involved to plant trees, plants, flowers etc.
 - Smart boards have been purchased for the trailers
 - Ordered new basketball uniforms for next season
 - Possibly PTO could help with the purchase and installation of some planters along the front side walk of the school
- Mandarin Virtual Class
 - Not an easy position to fill
 - Must be bilingual Mandarin and English
 - Licensed to teach in NC can't just have someone who speaks Mandarin.
 - Next year we could possibly have a teacher from Taiwan. She has a masters from Ohio state and is an associate professor. We hope to get the VISA worked out to where she could take the position next year.
 - We will be sharing a teacher from another high school in the county
 - There will be a certified teacher in the room supervising this virtual class

- School Report Card
 - All schools are now receiving a grade of A, B,C,D,F.
 - Scores will come out in February
 - We met expected growth last year. The lowest score would be a C if you met growth
 - Growth is so important. Students can score a 1 on the test and be not considered proficient but that student could grow from a 1 to a 2 and that is phenomenal teaching to help these lower kids grow.
 - Mr. Kraftson is asking for support from the community. Our teachers are working very hard to get these students growing. The state is bumping up the benchmark each year. It looks as if we barely made growth when in reality we made significant growth because they raised the bar and we still showed growth
 - We can't lose sight of how great our school is and how we are growing. Our focus needs to be on the great things going on in our school.
 - We try to get positive publicity for our school. We have had several teachers win grants and tried to get the news to come but none have included the positive things going on in our school.
 - RTI program is well underway. We are pulling students in small groups to help improve reading skills
 - We are hiring 2 tutors to put in classrooms to help the students who are struggling
- Open Forum
 - Car rider line in the morning not having a traffic director on Parkwood School Road
 - It is definitely a safety concern from several parents.
 - Mr. Kraftson will call Jerrod McGraw this afternoon to see if we can get someone to help with traffic.
- Parent mentions we had an awesome turn out for the track events. Team would like to participate in some of the community service projects.
 - Kraftson will speak with the coaches
- Next week our girls' basketball team will compete in the Union County tournament games at Monroe Middle School.
- Parents would like us to consider doing the dance passes again next year. Where you can purchase a yearlong pass so the parents would not have to remember to send money for each dance.
- Ms. DePietro is in the process of getting a grant from Kohl's to improve the ambiance of the cafeteria so it can be used for more drama instead of always going to the cafeteria.

4:38 Motion is made by Lisa Starnes to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Edwards