

Sardis Elementary School

Site-Base Meeting 2/19/15

Members Present:

Sherray Barnhouse, Kindergarten

Lee Hutchinson, First Grade

Dee Cochran, Second Grade

Andi Matysek, Third Grade

Allison Siler, Fourth Grade

Cheryl McBride, Fifth Grade

Kelly Marks, Curriculum Specialist

Sandy Leyva, Parent

Blair Austin, Related Arts

Tiffany Nelson, ESL Teacher

Natalie Patterson, EC (Speech)

Cyndi Vanderlip, Counselor

Theresa Benson, Principal

Kelley Zorn, Assistant Principal

Agenda

1. Budget/Spending:
 - a. \$6000 of local funds has been spent.
 - b. Safety gates and fence has been installed -\$2500
 - c. \$1255 out of PRAA money fund given to us last year. A motion was made and a vote was taken. This was agreed to use the PRAA money for a portion of this.
 - d. \$7869 from Afterschool monies to be used to update the sound system from Hollaway's Music in the gym for \$5000. A portion of the Afterschool money would go to this.
 - e. The remaining money (from Afterschool) would like to be used for the balance of the cost of the Gate for the playground (\$1250). A motion was made and this was agreed upon.
2. Consider things around the building that we could use improvements on that the PRAA could help out with. "Sweat equity" projects.
3. PTO Fundraisers – Look at the ones we are doing. Could some be eliminated? Could others be considered?
4. Considerations for School-based fundraisers (NOT PTO)
 - a. Festival
 - b. Community Yard Sale
 - c. Boosterthon
 - d. Fun Run
5. Letters of Intent have been distributed to staff. Due by February 27.

6. Concern from 5th Grade Teachers regarding morning duties for students resulting in not being able to get started on time:
 - a. Broadcast
 - i. Problem – The broadcast lasts too long, too many students on the team.
 - ii. Solution – Team cut to three students, Students check in BEFORE 8:05. Broadcast will end at the 8:15 bell. The lunch menu will no longer be read.
 - b. Safety Patrol
 - i. Problem – Too many students on the team, Some behaviors not appropriate
 - ii. Solution – Cut the team to three students per class. Duty is over at the 8:15 bell.
 - c. Teacher Helpers
 - i. Problem – Students visiting other teachers in the morning to avoid sitting in the hall way.
 - ii. Solution – Teachers who wish students to come and help should request it, not the student
7. There needs to be a sense of urgency towards getting the instructional day started. Everyone needs to commit to getting started by 8:15:
 - a. Notes for Office and Cafeteria
 - i. Possible Solutions:
 1. Putting a container outside the teacher's doors so that staff could come by and pick items up. This would lessen the amount of students out of the room in the morning.
 2. OR Two students per grade level could bring the cafeteria and office communications up for the entire grade level.
 3. Library books can be returned when the students come to class instead of in the morning.
8. As we are considering shaving time from various places, we need to have the same discipline in the classroom. We have to be mindful of our time with intention--this all goes back to the Debbie Miller book study relating to being purposeful and intentional.
9. Cafeteria
 - a. It seems that noise is increasing and not all students and teachers are adhering to rules with music.
 - b. Teachers need to model the behavior of not talking while the music is on.
 - c. Everyone needs to monitor this.

Next Meeting: March 19th