

Minutes
Stallings Elementary
Site-Based Management Committee
February 23, 2011

The site-based committee of Stallings Elementary School met on February 23, 2011 in the media center. Those in attendance were Laura Gaddy-Assistant Principal, Bonnie Blair – Chairperson, Lisa Kokoszczyński – Secretary, Beth Welch, Maggie Harris, Lisa Rushing, Harvey Bagshaw, Lynn LeFlore, Bo Mielczak, and Cinda Gatrell. Parent representatives included Mary Brigid Spence and Beth Diggs.

IMPORTANT NEWS

-Next week is Severe Weather Awareness Week. **On WEDNESDAY, March 2nd at 9:30am we will have a TORNADO DRILL!** At 9:15 we will have the warning. This is where we make sure the windows and blinds are closed. Then, at 9:30 we will have the warning. This is where we move the students to the designated area and crouch down. Please remind your students of the correct position and to remain quiet until Mr. Breckenridge gives the “all clear”.

-Due to the overcrowded parking lot from our Winter Party, Site-Base has decided on the Spring Party dates.

***THURSDAY, April, 14th will be the K-2 party.**

***FRIDAY, April, 15th will be the 3-5 party.**

Site-Base discussed how there are some parents who are showing up way too early for the parties. Room Mom’s are allowed to come in at 1:45pm to start setting up for the party if needed. It was brought up that maybe there should be a checklist left at the front office of Room Moms who are allowed to navigate through the school before 2:00.

-Reminder: PTO Night will be March 3rd at 7:00 sharp!

-Lisa Kokoszczyński brought information back from the PAC meeting regarding the two Workdays we now have to make up at the end of the year because of the snow days. Instead of tagging those Workdays on at the end of the year, would you be interested in making them up on two different Saturdays?! The hours would be around 8:00ish to 12:00ish. Site-base representatives are supposed to go back to their grade levels and ask who would be interested. One Saturday would be mid March and the other Saturday would be mid May. If participation is low, then the school will not open on those Saturdays. Think about it!

- We have not received any feedback from Dr. Davis' visit, so I will go ahead and give us an A+!!!

- Although the field trip ratio remains at a 1:8 ratio, it has been announced that only 50% of the adults need to be staff members. We are now allowed to factor in parents.

-The idea of having picnic tables on the premises was brought up and Mrs. Diggs explained that PTO wanted to put all of their money into ActiveBoards/Technology before purchasing any tables. All classrooms in Stallings will have Active Boards by next year!!! PTO wants to purchase the well built, paint coated picnic tables. The idea is to have a fundraiser next year for the tables.

-Site-Base discussed Character Education and how some of the words are hard for students to understand and remember, such as "perseverance". We talked about maybe using easier words. It was decided that since those are the traits given by the state, we will use the words given. If your students don't understand the traits you can explain them again in easier terms ("Perseverance means to never give up!"). We also talked about having a skit once a week on the Broadcast in the morning showing an example of the Character Trait for that month. This will give students a better understanding of the meaning of the trait.

-Mrs. Mielczak talked about Hop Sports. It's the new system she received last year from the grants. Bo was thinking that maybe on Tuesdays (when everyone wants/needs a break) grade levels could go into the gym during their regular special time and participate in the program. Mrs. Mielczak said that she would get it ready in the Media Center and tell each grade level specific activities their students can do. Basically all we have to do is click on the file and the students will be exercising for up to 30 minutes! Keep in mind that one class will be in Media and another in the Computer Lab so it will not be the entire grade level. Mrs. Mielczak will give us the green light when it is all set up!

-Bo also mentioned setting up the Hop Sports Lab in the exercise room in the K-1 Hallway. We will get an update if that will be possible.

HEALTH FAIR: MARCH 10th - 5-8pm

-Site-Base also discussed how dangerous the car rider line is and how someone is going to eventually get hurt. Both students and drivers get way too close to the curb! Mrs. Gaddy said that there has been some talk between her and Mr. Breckenridge regarding the safety of the children and thought about having different colored horseshoes painted on the sidewalk. The horseshoes will show the students where to stand as they wait for their guardian's car to stop. We were thinking that maybe Kids Art or Mrs. Palamountain could complete this project. Any volunteers? ☺

-Mrs. Spence said that she received an email from Dr. Davis regarding the budget crisis. He is asking people from the community to write letters to our legislature regarding the

budget cuts and informing community members on points that should be emphasized and expanded.

-There are several service projects in effect at Stallings. We are extremely appreciative!
Here is a rundown:

Mount Harmony has the Book Bag Program. Twelve families at Stallings are now getting services. If you have a student that you feel has been overlooked please let Carolyn Nichols know ASAP!

Team Church is giving the staff supplies that we need. *See Front Office Workroom.
Next Level donated underwear.

-Please remember that during a fire drill, students need to walk to the designated areas and not linger close to the side of the building. Students need to remain quiet and please remember to close your classroom door

The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Submitted by,
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