

Minutes
Stallings Elementary
Site-Based Management Committee
September 29, 2010

The site-based committee of Stallings Elementary School met on September 29, 2010 in the media center. Those in attendance were Bill Breckenridge- Principal, Laura Gaddy- Assistant Principal, Bonnie Blair – Chairperson, Lisa Kokoszczyński – Secretary, Todd Humphrey, Beth Welch, Maggie Harris, Lisa Rushing, PJ Theiler, Lynn LeFlore, Bo Mielczak, and Cathy Sumner. Parent representatives included Mary Brigid Spence, Beth Diggs, and Cliff Harrington.

Site-based discussed who was going to be the new secretary for this school year (Koko), who was going to be the new Chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year (LeFlore), and Co-Chair (Harris).

We discussed concerns from last year, including the Connect Ed on the website. (Scroll down and it's on the bottom.) Representatives were told to pass on that information to their grade level. We want parents to know that it is available on the website.

Grade levels discussed their tutoring days. Kindergarten, first grade, and fourth grade are tutoring on Tuesdays. Second and third grade are on Mondays, and fifth grade is tutoring reading on Tuesdays and math on Thursdays.

Site-base discussed the safety of the playground equipment on the K-2 playground. The vertical bars on the sides, where the children climb up to reach the monkey bars, is a concern. Several children have gotten their foot stuck. We talked about calling the company who installed it to come and see if they can fix it and/or seeing if the playground is under warranty. PTO is looking to see if there is any money left for more playground equipment.

Site-base discussed the School Improvement Plan and how the committee put the goals together. Globalization and the use of technology were key components. The School Improvement Committee targeted goals that Stallings Elementary needs. These needs may change and we are allowed to change and tweak them. The previous week, the faculty at Stallings Elementary looked it over and voted whether they approved the School Improvement Plan. Results were up as of September 30, 2010 on the website. Parents are allowed access to the School Improvement Plan as of September 30, 2010.

Site-base talked about how all the assistants and even some teachers are busy in the mornings as well as afternoon dismissal.

We talked about character education at Stallings Elementary.

- Character Education was included in the School Improvement Plan.

- We want an increased visibility of the specific trait we are learning about that month. (For example, we could put posters in the hallway stating "RESPECT" or showing an example of respect.) Grade levels need to discuss ideas on what they can do.
- We were also reminded the fact that we can send children up to the office for positive referrals. A good phone call home means a lot to a child AND their parents! ☺
- PTO purchased a button maker last year. They will make buttons each month with the specific character trait we are learning/reviewing. We need someone to make a design for each trait. Once that is set, we are good to go!
- Instead of putting horseshoes up in the cafeteria, we discussed other options including a year round bulletin board that could possibly be set up somewhere near the media center. We will be hearing from the Character Ed Committee soon! We tentatively want to start a character trait in October.
- We could also have students on the broadcast in the morning that did something good- even if they do a quick walk by on camera they will feel proud!
- Mr. Harrington also said that we could have a limited, yet consistent block in the newspaper listing names of children who showed evidence of the character trait we are celebrating that month. This is a great way Stallings Elementary can tie Character Education into the community!

Parent representatives discussed the importance of updating your moodle sites -- especially the fifth grade teachers. Middle school students as well as their parents see updates daily. It's a great way to get that routine in place.

The discussion of benches came up, and although metal benches are too expensive and have to be placed on a concrete slab, wooden benches are affordable. With a low price of \$90.00, we are looking into a business, parent, and/or community member donating a bench or two. We could even put a plaque in the table stating who donated it. If you know anyone who might want to do this, please see Beth Diggs. Benches can be placed outside the cafeteria, media center, and next to the playground.

The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, October, 27, 2010.

Submitted by,
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