

Minutes – Stallings Elementary
Site-Based Management Committee
October 28, 2009

The site-based committee of Stallings Elementary School met on Wednesday October 28, 2009. Those in attendance were P.J. Theiler – Chairman, Beth Welch – Secretary, Bill Breckenridge – Principal, Laura Gaddy – Assistant Principal, and faculty and staff members, Stephanie Hymes, Bonnie Blair, Maggie Harris, Lisa Rushing, Cathy Sumner, and Lynn LeFlore. Parent Representatives present were Cliff Harrington and Mary Brigid Spence. Absent was parent representative – Beth Diggs.

Mr. Theiler discussed again the open house/curriculum night. It was discussed that Kindergarten could have a curriculum night instead of open house sometime in January. This was decided because they meet so many times with parents already in the fall for registration, testing, etc. In January the K-teachers would be able to discuss with parents the curriculum and what is expected in first grade in order to get the students prepared for first grade.

It was discussed that grades 1-5 could have a curriculum night instead of open house. Each grade would be assigned a different night for their curriculum night. The teachers would discuss on their grade level what needs to be discussed for curriculum night and other information needed for the parents. Individual teachers would have their curriculum night in their classroom. (i.e. 3rd grade Camp Thunderbird, 4th grade Writing Test).

The Character Education Program rewards were discussed. It was decided to give the students their certificates that are posted on the walls in the cafeteria and to have PTO purchase pencils for the teachers to give out to the students who are chosen as part of the character education trait each month. We already take pictures of the winners from each grade and post them on the wall in the cafeteria plus the winners receive free dessert.

The committee discussed mowing grass while students are on recess. We feel this is a safety issue. Mr. Breckenridge will bring up at the Principal's meeting and ask that if the maintenance workers see children out playing if they could maybe mow in another spot until the children are done with recess.

The committee discussed weekend events that are happening at school and some teacher's are feeling guilty for not attending. Are these events mandatory? Mr. Breckenridge discussed that they are not mandatory, but he would like teachers, faculty, and staff to attend if possible.

It was discussed if there was anyway that the attendance could be printed the next time for report cards. Some teachers were frustrated because they had completed their attendance and then they had to go back and redo it. It was hard to look on the computer for the attendance and that a hard copy to look at would be much easier. Mr. Breckenridge was going to look into this situation.

The committee discussed the health tips on moodle. Teachers should have some health tip on their personal moodle site. You can come up with one of your own or use the one that Bo (P.E. teacher) suggests for the month.

Updating Moodle websites were also discussed. It was decided that K-2 teachers should update theirs every 2 weeks or monthly. And the 3-5 teachers should update theirs daily or weekly because of homework issues, etc. Mary Brigid Spence commented on how she uses the moodle sites for her children when they are out sick and the moodle website helps her know what homework is due for the week.

Mr. Breckenridge talked about summer school and how there will be NO summer school this year. Teachers need to come up with strategies to use for 30 hours for the children who need the extra help with passing the EOG's. Strategies discussed were tutoring starting in January, teacher assistants tutoring, High School National Honor Society Students coming and tutoring. Teachers must have PEP's written for these students who are below grade level and you must collect work samples throughout the year.

Mary Brigid Spence gave a report on Dr. Davis' Cluster Meeting she attended. She said technology was talked about and how Union County schools are moving forward integrating technology in the classrooms. Globalization was also discussed at this meeting.

It was decided that there would be a teacher time raffle again this spring.

Mr. Breckenridge stated that if there are grade level concerns about this to please e-mail Beth Diggs.

Mary Brigid Spence also brought up the fact that when students have P.E. on a certain day that the students do not have recess. She said we are trying to be healthy and to not have recess was disturbing to her. She said some other parents voiced this same concern to her. Laura Gaddy – assistant principal stated that it is in the North Carolina State Law that children do not receive recess when they have P.E. on the same day. She stated it is for instructional purposes. Students need the extra instruction time.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday December 2, 2009 at 3:00 in the media center.