

Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter School

Site Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Mission: We are a governing body serving the Ridgeline community as a forum dedicated to all avenues of school improvement.

The idea that everybody has a stake in the country, that we're all in it together and everybody's got a shot at opportunity. ...we also know that there are some things we can't do on our own. We know that there are some things we do better together.
Barack Obama

Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2009

Members present: Eric Bear, Jen Hornsby, Angela Larsen, Cynthia Friedman, Emily Kintigh, Chrystell Reed, and Adrienne Black.

Call to order/Welcome/Kudos- Kudos to Jen for getting biographies together.

Approve October Minutes – Approved

Items Raised by Guests – Karen Murphy, a fourth grade parent, was in attendance to observe the Site Council meeting.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda – None

Information Items- Chrystell would like people to join her and Nancy for input and ideas for the site council web page.

Discussion Items-None

Stakeholder Representative Reports

Board – (*Adrienne Black*)

Adrienne attended the Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) conference recently, as this is the first year Ridgeline has been a member. Overall, she felt that the conference was very valuable.

Teachers (*Eric Bear*)-

- Good news! Ridgeline score “OUTSTANDING” in their most recent score from the Oregon Department of Education.
- Eric concurred with Bennie’s struggles that were addressed at last month’s Site Council meeting. There was a safety issue to discuss, and Cynthia said she would talk to Martha, Principal of Village School. Eric also reported that he and his fellow teachers are working like “little islands.”
- Some of the teachers went to an AMS (American Montessori School) in Garden Grove. Eric learned about how “to do better observations,” and how to work with kids on higher level math. Other topics included the *PEACE* process, and the history and importance of the “circle.”
- Attendance is leveling out. There have been up to 8 children out with illnesses over the last weeks.

Classified Staff (Emily Kintigh)-

Emily has not met with the Classified Staff. Life is still challenging, and she feels disconnected from the Willard Site.

Administration (Chrystell) –

- Upper elementary enrollment has dropped further. We have 64 students with room for 75. Karen asked if we knew why families had left. In most cases, the families were new to Montessori education. Angela asked Chrystell for exit interview data.
- Chrystell is really focused on re-chartering. It’s a huge job, but is coming along.
- As people are dropping off or picking up, the Opportunity Center driveway is being blocked.

Students – Not Present

Volunteer Coordinator (Cynthia Friedman)–The book fair is Friday, November 20th at Barnes and Noble. Amy Rose White is taking over the booth at Holiday Market. Jen asked if the school would be interested in

selling homemade gifts from the kids. The idea was well received. Mr. Mohtadi owns Eugene Glass Blowing Studio. He offered to help and contribute to students making glass blown gifts for re-sale. Stone Soup was moved to December 15th at 1:30. It was agreed to invite Station 15 firefighters.

Parents (*Jennifer Hornsby*) –Jen was on a committee for bringing the school more together and adding more unity. Her idea was to profile classrooms in the *Reader*.

Chrystell would like people to join her and Nancy for input and ideas on developing the Site Council web page.

Re-chartering

Carrie Culliton is recovering from surgery and was unable to attend. The final draft is due to our sponsoring district on November 30th.

Decision Grid

As per last month, subcommittee needs to meet. The members are Adrienne, Eric, Angela, Carrie and Trish. Work on the decision grid has been tabled until the re-chartering application has been completed and submitted to District 4J

H1N1 Policy

The council agreed to focus on disaster preparedness. It is decidedly worth it to put in the time to create an effective policy. For now, the decision was made to take what we need from the OSBA web site. Jen offered to help with this. Furthermore, the Oregon Department of Education has created a web site on *Chalkboard*.

Committee work on this policy has been tabled until the re-chartering application has been completed and submitted to District 4J.

Action Items

Who will do what by when?

- Jen is going to edit the charter application the week of 11/23.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14th 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment 7:30pm

