

West Elementary Site Council Minutes
October 2, 2008

In attendance: Tracey Bearman, Steve Land, Claudia McAlister, Katie Fritz, Angie McCune, Cathy Woodyard, Kay Ann Hewlett, Teri Dow, Amanda Blush, Emily Stein, Kandy Williams, Jennifer Faulkner, Christy Kruse, Sherri Klein, Amy Schwein, Laura Fails, Amy Flinn

Welcome by Amy Flinn and introductions of staff and new Site Council members.

Update on Goals: Mr. Conwell will discuss implementing Olweus training for bus drivers with the new Transportation Director.

Summer Academy Presentation

Teachers presented a power point demonstration of their Summer Academy classes. Bound report was presented to each Site Council member. This is the same report and presentation which was presented to the Board in September.

Early Fall 2007, discussion began about the status of Summer School. Students K-1 who participated in Summer School saw an overall improvement, but the 2-5 students were not seeing the same results. An overhaul of Summer School resulted in the new Summer Academy for grades 2-5 which was open to all students regardless of need. Traditional summer school was maintained for K-1 students. There were 160 2-5 students enrolled, 20 of whom were mandatory. Students who were required to enroll did not pay the enrollment fee. In addition, free and reduced students were also either free or attended at a reduced rate.

Summer Academy brought in \$6,400. \$4,300 was spent on materials, including seventeen digital cameras which are still at use in the school. The remaining dollars were donated back to the school prorated by class. The money will be spent on more technology needs (inter-write pads, cameras, memory sticks, etc.). The total cost to provide Summer Academy/Summer School is between \$30-40,000.

- 33% utilized the rural bus
- 26% utilized the shuttle bus
- 96% attendance rate for 1st session
- 94% attendance rate for 2nd session

We will need Board of Education support to provide Summer Academy again in 2009. That proposal will be presented in January.

West Elementary Site Council will meet again on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00pm in the Library.