

Minutes of Sands Local School Decision Making Committee Meeting of Dec. 9, 2009

Attendees:

Parent Reps- Lynn Sullivan, Wes Munzel, Scott LeCates

Community Reps- Derek Peebles and Lisa Fleischmann

Teacher Reps- Margaret Jacoby, Erin Dean, Gayle Beck, Kim Jones- Ross

Staff Reps- Rita Swegman, Talli Flanigan, Pricilla Elgersma, Annette Ross

Discussion of, or Action on the Following Topics:

- 1) Approval of Nov. 11th 2009 minutes.
- 2) Welcome to a new members of LSDMC. The new member is Lisa Fleischmann. She gave a little background information about herself.
- 3) Discussion about seeking additional community representatives to the committee. There are still two community representative positions available.
- 4) Update by Wes Munzel about the lunch time analysis subcommittee- Current status is confirming who will be representing various constituencies such as Rudder, ILT, LSDMC and others interested. First meeting is planned for first week of January.
- 5) Update by Ms. Swegman about possible sale of current playground equipment by SMPO as new school contains playground equipment. She is waiting to hear back from CPS Facilities Dept. (Mike Burson) to see if SMPO can legally sell it or if CPS retains the ownership of the equipment.
- 6) Update from Ms. Swegman on policy regarding sending materials home with kids' backpacks. This issue was raised at previous meeting due to Cincinnati Sports Mall (private company) flyer received by parents via backpacks and whether private companies should be allowed to send flyers in backpacks. Current policy is- CPS administration Public Affairs office sends her various flyers and those get sent home in backpacks. Principal approves any other flyers that are requested that seem community oriented. Sports Mall flyer may have been sent by CPS public affairs office.

Discussion about other issues related to communication such as use of virtual backpack, minimizing duplication of flyers and other ideas such as flyer day to help teachers and parents handle the volume of flyers and information sent via backpacks. Staff does prioritize flyers so most important flyers are at the front of students' folders, so parents see those first when opening folders.
- 7) Strategic Plan discussion was tabled til the next meeting as Jen Strom was going to lead the discussion about this and she is absent today.

- 8) Additional discussion of ideas about IA training including having IA training during teacher professional days, mentoring, training specific to each level. Conflict resolution was suggested as a topic for training. Montessori Coalition could possibly seek training for IA's in all Montessori schools.

- 9) Preliminary information about creating a wetland on school property was introduced by Ms. Swegman. Anderson County Schools Wetland project provides resources to do this. Additional information forthcoming to be able to evaluate if this is something Sands would want to approve. Could be part of LEED certification for school, but the points would not be crucial for the school's reaching LEED status.

- 10) Question raised about service learning projects at Sands. Yes, there are opportunities for this at Sands such as the project to make lunches and deliver to homeless shelter. Perhaps confirm that this is in the school's strategic plan.

- 11) Adjournment.