

FAIRHAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES: October 21, 2009

Members present: Gennie Clawson, Anne Welsh, Kate Larocque, Kitty Friesen, Tracie Johannessen, Dennis D'Amelio, Deirdre O'Neill

Non-Members present: Mike Schackel

Note taker: D. O'Neill

Gennie Clawson was selected as Chairperson

Dates and responsibilities were established for meetings

The following topics were generated for discussion at future meetings:

- safety crossings; bicycle and walking safety; covered bike racks
- how is the new math program going (follow up from last year)?
- review the building budget
- how to bring in more community resources into the building?
- conservation resources: how can we bring more people into this? Kids? Parents? Staff? How can we promote conservation practices: What is currently being done? What next?
- teachers have asked Site Council to manage selection of staff of the year recognition
- teams, big team and small team: how do they impact students' social development? Group kids by teams that are across grade levels? How does music play in? Disparity in class sizes?
- how can we support sports program?
- how to involve students in site council?
 - Rotate ASB grade level Presidents; with alternates
 - PTSA is focusing on including student voice
 - Anne suggested Stephanie Strow can choose one or two students to go to Site Council meeting.
 - Mike added that perhaps students should come and report what they are doing. Ask if they think that they have things that they want to address.
 - Dennis suggested they look at our schedule and decide if they want to send representatives.

Decision: Ask Stephanie and Cathy to ask ASB officers to come and introduce themselves at our December meeting; have some snacks and talk to us about any concerns they have. Gennie will call Stephanie, and arrange to go to the ASB meeting to invite the students.

Anne reports that parents are happy.

Tracie suggested "Parking Lot" as a way of capturing ideas.

Next meeting agenda: December 3

- Look at laying out agenda for the entire year
- International Baccalaureate update (Deirdre)
- Math update: (math teachers)