

SITE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
3:00-4:11pm

Facilitator

Caryn Cole

Attendees

Caryn Cole, Principal

Cindy Fletcher, Counselor

LeAnna Farmer, Counselor

Mary Davis, Teacher

Andrea Schlag, Parent

Kathleen Leonard, Parent

Michelle Coffman, Parent

Jessica Schattenberg, Parent

Bev. Schlink, Media Assistant/Clerk

- Not all parent surveys are in. We will take a look at those during 4th quarter.

PTO Update

- Review of Day of Awesomeness final day of Step-It-Up fundraiser:
 - o Nearly \$9,500 take home (goal was \$10,000). PTO gets 40% from donations; 40% goes to prizes and actual event; company covers credit card fees ... their profit is about 15%.
 - o Last year's fundraisers combined netted about \$7,000.
 - o Overall a good fundraiser. Everyone had a lot of fun (including staff). Special Programs LOVED it. Students demonstrated teamwork and working together, helping one another be successful.
 - o Good company. Very organized; handled pretty much all of it. Equipment was high quality with broad appeal.
 - o There were a few parents who did not like this type of fundraiser with "bribing" kids to earn prizes.
 - o Other fundraisers showed only 10-15 percent student participation; this fundraiser garnered over 30% student participation.
 - o It was great to be able to use Pima Park.
 - o Site Council group would recommend doing this type of fundraiser again. The company is offering an incentive (\$250) if we book next year's fundraiser with them.
 - o Things to do differently: scratch the dance party and stay on inflatables longer. Considering the somewhat long wait times it was felt there wasn't enough time to spend on the inflatables.

- Credit union came in last week with a \$500 check donation for Sanborn. Asked us to let them know if we have any needs they could possibly meet.
- Made money with Intel Volunteers last Friday.
- We may have the funds needed to purchase our shade structure. Caryn shared her vision of a shaded area outside of the portables with artificial turf and picnic tables for those who would like a place to sit and relax during recess or for small study groups.
- Sanborn Decades Dance is this Friday. The dance was a lot of fun last year. Food, refreshments, photo backgrounds and a deejay are planned. Students are invited to dress up representing their favorite decade.
- Sunny Snowballs is scheduled to continue to be on campus for the next three months. Yard games were brought out last week during the Sunny Snowballs event which gave the students something to do during that time. PTO would like to continue with the yard games if it is not an issue.
- Discussion of having Sunny Snowballs here next year during Patriotic Picnic as there is a good turnout and opportunity to raise needed funds.
- PTO discussed the possibility of bringing in food vendors for the Celebration of Learning (COL) event. Caryn said Danielle Harris is heading up the team responsible for COL next year and Caryn will talk to her about the vendor request.

Family/Parent Engagement – Caryn Cole

Mrs. Cole passed out materials from a recently attended training session. Summarized as Family Engagement is not just about the number of people who show up for school events, it is more about how we are engaging the families and helping them build a sense of community. With our current school boundaries we are not just a neighborhood school. Engagement is not calculated by those who come and participate in events. Some families are very engaged in and supportive of school at home, while not always participating in school activities. Encouraged to use the term family versus parent as families look very different these days and different cultures can play a big role as well.

They were also made aware of the need to share with staff that parents don't always have the time to participate in school functions.

As a Title 1 school we are required to have targeted interventions. First grade recently held a math night where families were given engaging activity ideas they could do at home

with their children and given an opportunity to ask questions. These kinds of events can help build a sense of community. While almost 30 people RSVP'd, only about 7 showed up for the actual event. The event itself was very successful with positive feedback.

Parent involvement/community ties are essential. What are community resources we can use? How can we connect with community businesses?

Sanborn initially had trouble getting Project Lead the Way (PLTW) people in. Part of the purpose of having the Intel Team event last Friday was to create a relationship with the volunteers. In addition to the money made by having the Intel volunteers here, Intel also donated three sensory boxes. Caryn noted, "It is not always about the large things. Sometimes we think too big."

Sanborn staff is being trained on the fundamentals and mindset shift of Family Engagement.

Site Council was split into groups and assigned a section of the Linking Family and Community Engagement to Learning checklist to review and share out.

Checklist 1 – The Physical Environment (Michelle Coffman, Jessica Schattenberg)

Topics brought forward:

- Welcome sign only in English
- Is there a school directory/map near the office highlighting frequented locations?
- Perhaps we could have clearer/more visible instructions for visitor sign-in
- We do not have a bulletin boards to thank volunteers, PTO or community members for their contributions. Maybe this is something we can display in the front breezeway.
- Flags and banners at Sanborn are very nice additions to our campus.

Checklist 3 – Personal Interaction (Kathleen Leonard and Caryn Cole)

- We have more help for interpreting languages this year
- Front office does a great job interacting with parents and diffusing issues
- Suggestion box in front office? Site council not against it. Staff has mentioned it before as well.

Checklist 4 – Written Materials and Communication (Mary Davis, Andrea Schlag)

- Overall, the school does a great job communicating to families via flyers, emails, social media, etc.
- CUSD sends information in Spanish, but Sanborn does not. Maybe more information in the Spanish language would help support the Community Engagement topic.
- It was noted by PTO that the majority of fundraising for the Stepping Up event was done via text messages. Is there a way for parents to opt in to receive notifications via text?

Checklist 2 – School Wide Practices and Policies may be reviewed at the next Site Council meeting.

Non-Agenda Topics:

Mrs. Schattenberg shared her concern about the vaping and drug related activities happening in the schools, especially beyond the elementary level. Is there more we can considering doing to educate and prepare students (and parents) before they get to junior high? Caryn will talk to Cindy and LeAnna about smaller group discussions next quarter, particularly with sixth grade.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23 from 3:00-4:00 in the Media Center.