

## SITE COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Members who attended the Site Council meeting included: Chairperson, Dan Carson; Bruce Bolen, Dave & Sylvia Hubbard, Jeri Antholz, Anita Pochop, Steve Busse, Jacob Brubaker, Connor Hazuka, Stacey Hazuka, Lety Estrada, Blanca Rodriguez, Wil Orten, Tammi Carmichael, and Carol Partch.

Dave suggested that in the event of Dan's absence, Mr. Bolen would take over the job as chairperson of Site Council. The group agreed unanimously. Dave or Dan will appear at the January board meeting to give the Site Council report. Reorganization of Site Council members was discussed. Mr. Bolen will check with a couple of community members who might be willing to fill the position of senior citizen on the Site Council.

Mr. Bolen spoke about the work of the legislature, and the possibility that they might decide to take the cap off of our supplemental general fund. If this happens, it would create an inequality in finances across the state. The "pupil weighting" that our school presently receives is what "keeps us afloat," according to Mr. Bolen, and this is an amount that might be changed. The Governor is considering the funding of all-day kindergarten. Many schools have joined in the effort to sue the state of Kansas in an effort to obtain more school funding. However, since the state doesn't have any money, it'll be difficult for the state to pay out any funds for a lawsuit.

Quite a bit of money has been spent out of the capital outlay fund recently. Mr. Bolen talked about the improvements that had been made on the school grounds: replaced some carpeting, replaced windows in the gym and library, painted and upgraded some rooms, made improvements on the school rental house, fixed the wall in the FACS room, etc.

A document outlining the new changes for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Accreditation was reviewed by the group. Annual Yearly Progress, as we have known it, will no longer exist if the State of Kansas has its waiver accepted. School accreditations will be based on five areas: relationships, relevance, responsive culture, results, and rigor. We would still take state assessments, but our accreditation would not rely so heavily on those test results. We'd be looking at other things, too: Is what we're teaching relevant to the future? How many students are involved in programs? Are

we promoting wellness in our school? Mr. Bolen felt that ambitious, yet attainable goals, would need to be developed.

All of the following visions/goals were discussed at the meeting:

- Having I-Pads available to some classes, as it was felt that this might enhance the education of students. However, Wil commented that sometimes technology takes too much time, and precious teaching minutes are lost.
- Jacob inquired as to whether students could check out laptops to take home over the weekend. He felt that several students did not have access to a computer over the weekend, and maybe this would be helpful.
- A community service work day by the student body was discussed.
- Mr. Bolen noted that there were no failing grades on report cards for the first nine weeks of school. Everyone wished that after-school study hall could be available to ALL students.
- Many comments were made concerning the junior high sports' practice during the school day. Parents liked the fact that their children were home earlier. Coaches noted that it definitely had a negative impact on team performance.
- Since the attendance policy has been implemented, students are not absent as frequently. Mr. Bolen had recently sent out three letters.
- Some Hispanic families are confused about the attendance policy and the importance of calling the school when their child will be absent. Overall, there seems to be a lack of communication between the teacher and Hispanic students & their parents.

The Civil Rights auditor had chosen Cheylin as the Class 1-A school that she would visit. There were some suggestions made concerning some minor adjustments (faucets in the bathroom), but she strongly recommended that the sidewalk on the west side of the high school be replaced. She felt it was uneven, and a danger, especially to elderly people.

The next Site Council meeting will be sometime in March. The group agreed that meeting twice a year would be adequate.

Secretary,

Carol Partch