

# Badger Ridge Middle School Site Council Minutes

## June 8, 2015

✓ 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Core: Karen Hanson	✓ 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent: Christine Iszczyszyn	✓ Resource: Nate Campbell	✓ Encore: Sarah Grotsky
✓ 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Core: Suzanne Hartjes	✓ 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent: Kim Mast	✓ Resource: Jane Teasdale	✓ Encore: Heather Thorpe
✓ 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Core: Andrea Leibfried	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent: Tim Slekar	✓ Support Staff: Jan Neumann	✓ CKCS: Michal LaFave
✓ Administrator: Mike Murphy	✓ Central Office: Betty Wottreng	✓ Facilitator: Barbara James	

Guest Speaker:

Other Attendees: Marlene Koch, Pat Rich, Adam Grindle, Jen Griffith, Carrie Dingle, Ross Cohen, Mary Greenlaw-Meyer, Michelle Slekar

### **Roundtable/Announcements:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion was today and went well. Thank you to Jan Neumann, Heather Thorpe, and Pat Rich for all their help putting the event together. Thanks to Ross Cohen for putting together the video.
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip is tomorrow.
- Student Council's Access Games went well last week. Could be the start of a new tradition!

### **Minutes:**

Jane Teasdale made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting. Sarah Grotsky seconded the motion and it passed, with a modification to indicate that Christine Iszczyszyn was in attendance.

### **Introduction of new Site Council Members:**

Council members who were attending their last Council meetings introduced their replacements for next year.

### **Review of 2014-15 Site Council Goals:**

Council reviewed the building goals for 2014-15. Mike will share data and information during the summer with the intent for Council to be finalizing building goals in September 2015.

### **Parent Contact Day:**

Council reviewed the objectives of and process for parent contact days.

### **Data Retreat and Council Retreat:**

Mike will email data to Council members during the summer. Council should think about when to hold the annual retreat.

Dr. Irby will be in district August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to review data from the work he and his team did. Council members are welcome to attend, as are team leads, department chairs and other building leaders.

### **CKCS Budget Consideration:**

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, BRMS Council voted not to accept the proposal from CKCS. CKCS requested mediation on this issue so Brett and Mike met with Dean and presented the situation. Dean's decision was to not approve the request.

### **BR 20/20:**

For the benefit of new members, each group gave a brief synopsis of the team focus and work:

- Time and Collaboration: The committee spent significant time discussing Access and made recommendations to Council. The committee also discussed tutorials and whether they should continue in the next school year.
- Learning Progression: Content area groups worked together on progressions and will continue to do so over the summer.
- Family and Community Engagement: The team focused on families and how to encourage participation. There is a folder in the Site Council folder with minutes from the group's meetings.
- Technology: Once the decision was made to go 1:1, the committee was able to move forward with plans to develop a digital citizenship program and make plans for staff development.

Council discussed how to fill these committees for next year. New Council members may opt into different committees than their predecessors did. Council will revisit the committees and membership at the start of the 2015-16 school year.

Marlene Koch suggested rolling the Wildcat Way committee into the Council committees.

Kim Mast suggested we try to get more family members on the Family and Community Engagement committee.

### **Fundraising Grants:**

The committee reviewed grant proposals and all the grant requests were filled. Funded Proposals and amounts:

1. Danielle Ritter/Mark Happel \$300.00 Keep viable the ropes course.
2. Amie Pittman: \$519.80 Project Stars: Start Taking Alcohol Risks Seriously
3. Jennifer Griffith and Mandy Kitzman: \$500.00 Yearbook Support
4. Diana Lehnerr: \$100 Community Service Quilt Project
5. Andrea Schmitz: \$114.86 toward purchase of a new laminator.

Student Council will decide in the fall how to spend their allotment.

### **Grading Practices:**

Council has a document called "Fifteen Fixes for Broken Grades" from Ken O'Connor. Council was asked to review that doc with their constituency groups and determine whether team members would like to dig in on specific aspects of it.

### **Celebrate the Positives – Reflecting on Council this School Year:**

- We worked really well together to make decisions. People collaborated and worked toward common goals.
- It's a good experience to be on Site Council because it is a great way to get to know more about how the school runs.
- It's good experience for parents as they hear the ideas from teachers as well as the passion staff have for the children and their growth. It's great to get to know staff and helps keep things in balance.
- It's nice to get outside of our own departments and work with people from all over the building. It's a great way to interact with co-workers.
- Appreciate the opportunity to get some baseline knowledge. Reading a book together was a nice way to build some common language and objectives.
- Appreciate the passion that teachers have. We may not always agree, but we could respectfully disagree.
- The parent involvement is wonderful.
- As a parent, it's great to hear what teachers have to say and learn more about what happens here in a day.
- The work that came out of the committees this year was valuable and opened up some great discussions. Looking forward to continuing that.
- We engaged in some challenging conversations this year and thought about whether we could/should make changes or continue as we have. We should continue to challenge ourselves and be willing to work through issues.
- It can be difficult for Council members to know what their roles should be. A document will be put together and this could be discussed at the retreat.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Wildcat Way committee has curriculum hours for the summer. It will continue but may morph into a Site Council committee.
- Could 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion run from 10:00 – 12:00? Council will discuss next year.
- If there is a common reading book for Council next year, could it be identified so staff can read it

over the summer?

**Agenda for next meetings:**

Discussion Item	Allotted Time
Wildcat Way next year	
Grading/Assessment practices	
Determine summer retreat date to discuss data and kickoff the school year.	

**Parking Lot:**

- Could 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion run from 10:00 – 12:00?
- Wildcat Way next year
- Homework Club
  - Define the goals of Homework Club
  - How are we going to fund it?
  - How are we going to measure its effectiveness?
  - As personalized learning changes the nature of homework, should Homework Club be restructured or eliminated?
- Students who are pulled from Encore classes in order to be in R180
- What are the barriers to successful achievement of academic standards? How do we continue to educate the whole child?
- Do we have or should we have a grant writing team?
- Review data from NGA
- Look at data through multiple lenses