

Badger Ridge Middle School Site Council Minutes

December 1, 2014

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

Guest Speaker: John Bremmer, Jane Epping
Other Attendees:

Roundtable/Announcements:

- One-act play performances are next week.

Minutes:

November 10, 2014 minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Department Chair Shareouts:

Math and Science Department Chairs were invited to join Council to discuss what steps the department is taking toward achieving BRMS building goals. Each department was asked to answer the following questions:

- 1) Where are your departments currently?
- 2) What are the areas of need?
- 3) What is your department working on/toward?
- 4) What is the plan/timeline for the completion of this work?

John Bremmer represented the science department and shared a document that answered the questions. Jane Epping represented the math department. That group's discussions led to a few questions:

- Are there teams who have selected math as a secondary curricular goal as a way to support the building goal?
- What does high-school ready mean?
- What communication is happening with parents about our goals and approaches?

Department heads will be invited back in the spring to talk about progress towards the goals.

Student Surveys:

Student surveys have been shared out via our website. "Script for student feedback" document is shared to staff for use if they wish.

Fundraising:

Fliers and magnets for the non-fundraising fundraiser went home with Q1 report cards. The fundraising committee reported that 19 families have already donated approximately \$800! Reminders will be sent to families via SchoolReach and the weekly newsletter.

Next week's option is Dine-and-Donate with AJs Pizza. The restaurant will donate a percentage of sales to families on 12/8 and 12/9.

Additional fundraisers may be forthcoming.

Homework Club:

There were many learners nominated for Homework Club. Discussions to date have been how to be innovative about supporting learners' homework efforts. Guidelines are:

- There are 70 hours of homework club time per grade level.
- Hours can be allocated however the grade level chooses.
- Doesn't have to be the same staff members for an entire year.
- Could be done on an ad hoc basis rather than assigning students to come every time, regardless of their workload.
- Can be structured to meet the homework needs of the house/grade.
- Can be a flexible schedule.
- Can start whenever the grade level decides to do so.

Site Council Shared Book:

Council will be reading "Drive" by Daniel Pink and discussing it at various meetings throughout the year. Mike handed out the books at today's meeting. Council will discuss the first section (through page 79) on January 5th.

MAP Data:

Council reviewed MAP data from the Fall 2014 testing window. Teams are encouraged to zoom in to the results for the learners in their houses. This will make the data analysis more manageable and perhaps more meaningful. Resource and Student Service staff should be involved in these discussions.

Bringing it all Together:

At the last meeting, Council identified patterns, trends, needs, to-dos as relate to the building goals. Council continued the discussion and summarized. This led to a discussion about weight-bearing walls, including re-sharing of a document created by last year's Council and decision to continue the discussion. Council should review the document prior to the next meeting.

Agenda for December 15th, 2014:

| Discussion Item | Allotted Time |
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| Student Survey Data | |
| Weight-bearing walls | |
| Create sub-committees | |
| School Learning Objective | |

Parking Lot:

- 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?
- Update on technology purchases
- 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