

Badger Ridge Middle School Site Council Minutes February 15, 2016

✓ 6 th Grade Core: Carrie Dingle	6 th Grade Parent: Stephanie Wasnewski	✓ Resource: Marlene Koch	✓ Encore: Pat Rich
✓ 7 th Grade Core: Mary Greenlaw-Meyer	✓ 7 th Grade Parent: Michelle Slekar	✓ Resource: Jennifer Griffith	✓ Encore: Ross Cohen
✓ 8 th Grade Core: Andrea Leibfried	✓ 8 th Grade Parent: Christine Iszczyszyn	✓ Support Staff: Adam Grindle	✓ CKCS: Michal LaFave
✓ Administrator: Mike Murphy	✓ Central Office: Betty Wottreng	✓ Facilitator: Barbara James	

Guest Speaker:

Other Attendees:

Roundtable/Announcements:

- Thank you to Jen Smith for filling in for the head custodian position since the beginning of the year!
- Welcome to Jason Meyer, the new head custodian.
- Science Olympiad regional competition was this past weekend. The CK/BR team was 11th overall.
- Musical auditions are going on now.
- A parent gave very positive feedback about the BR/CK all-school spelling bee. Kudos to the team for making that such a positive experience for our students and their families!
- Girls basketball has their last game is this week.
- Track starts the end of April.

Minutes:

Adam Grindle made a motion to approve the minutes for 02/01/16. Andrea Leibfried seconded the motion and it passed.

District Updates:

Chinese in MS: Discussions continue about if/how VAIS students may continue to learn Chinese.

Summer Site Council Dates: Several Council members will attend adaptive schools leadership training this summer. Additionally, Council will hold a two-day retreat. Date is yet to be determined

CIA Committee and Site Council Policy: Ann Franke presented an assessment flow chart for middle school at the last CIA meeting.

Student Scheduling and Resource Allocation:

Discussion points:

- Co-plan vs. co-teach
- How to enhance collaboration?
- Professional Development opportunities (Elise Fratura)
- Concrete examples of collaborative planning would be very helpful
- There will be some UDL (Universal Designs for Learning) workshops offered this summer for professional development, likely through WEI offerings in June. The keynote speaker is an expert in UDL.

2016-17 Schedule Change and Other Ideas/Proposals:

Planners:

Council shared constituency feedback regarding use of student planners and the proposal to eliminate them for most students

- Make sure there are copies if IEPs require that
- Some houses would need to come up with a different hall pass
- Is there an iPad app that could be used?
- Most teachers are not requiring weekly sign-offs in the planner.

Decision: planners will be eliminated (a small set will be purchased for those students who do better with the paper version).

End-of-Year Students Meet House Teachers:

In the past, we have told students at the end of the school year which house they will be in the following year. This can cause issues if students end up being moved to another house for various reasons. An alternative would be to have students meet all of the grade level teachers, rather than individual houses. Council decided to not give house placement information until August. Students will meet all the grade level teachers in May or June.

Ideas for Change:

Carrie Dingle and Jen Griffith presented ideas on ways to modify student tutorial schedules in order to enhance use of time with kids. Reasons for change include:

- Built-in time for Reading
- Time for Personalized Learning Plans
- On-Going Connection with Small Groups of Kids (Parent Contact, PLP, Parent Teacher Conferences)
- More Core Instructional Time
- More “connected” time for students/staff

Possible Scenario: everyday Access with groups of 15 maximum students (all teachers) if tutorials look completely different. Most would be random placement, but with purposeful placement as needed. Various configurations were discussed.

Jen and Carrie will invite staff members to participate in a sub-committee to discuss this further.

Flipping the Schedule:

There have been questions about whether we will “flip” schedules again. With the way our Core/Encore classes run currently, there are space constraints in the Encore area. Council should discuss with constituency groups.

Miscellaneous:

Adam Grindle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Leibfried seconded and the motion passed.

Agenda for next meeting:

Discussion Item	Allotted Time
Update on Clubs	
Winter conferences – how did last year go, how could it work this year	
2016-17 Schedule Change and other Ideas/proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ideas for change (tutorials, flipping schedule) • additional FTE use (class size reduction in Core and Encore) 	
Update on Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Expenditures and Process for Requests • Dance Team Supervisor • Math Club Coach 	
Homework Club 16-17	
Elective class request numbers	
BR 20/20	
Determine date for data retreat	

Parking Lot:

- Understanding budget types at the site and what discussions can happen mid-year vs. those that must happen within the large-scale budgeting cycle.
- What is our process for extracurricular club proposals?
- 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