

School Council Minutes October 29, 2013

Attendees: Dr. Woods, Don Miller, Mark Edry, Sue Sherburne, Jill Connor, June Bryne, Shirley Caniff, Lauren Boyle, Rebecca Arnold

School Council Member Update

Sue McCrory is moving, leaving her position open in December. The PTO will run an election to fill her vacancy.

Dallin Website

Two interested parents have come forward to work on the website. Adriane DiPasquale will help with some of the technical expertise needed. It would be helpful to get teachers' and parents' input about content, formatting, how they use the website, and additional ideas. Dr. Woods will determine whether there are any district plans to make the websites for all the schools uniform before a lot of work goes into developing a new website.

PIE Night

The previous PIE Night last year was very successful, and much of the feedback was incorporated in the 2013-2014 school improvement plan. Additionally, teachers and staff made some immediate changes based on the feedback (e.g., Twitter use in the 4th grade and first grade homework distribution). We will plan another PIE night repeating some of the open-ended questions from 2012-2013 and adding targeted discussion topics in specific areas. The 2013-2014 PIE night will inform the development of the school improvement plan for next year.

Math/Science Activities

Math Night- A small group of parents, teachers, and the math coach are working on a *Math Night* with math games and puzzles. They will try out the night with one grade level to work out the design and organization, and then will host another night later in the year for more grade levels.

Math Olympiad- There is a Math Olympiad club starting in the next few weeks for fourth and fifth grade students.

Science Fair- There will be a science fair in the spring this year, in lieu of a STEM night. The Science Fair portion of STEM night was very successful last year.

School Improvement Plan 2013-2014

The plan for this year was originally due in June but the other schools had a difficult time getting the plans together by the end of the school year. The due date was adjusted, so it is now due in November. The School Council will review the latest draft and give Dr. Woods feedback by November 1st.

Technology

The computer lab at Dallin was closed because of the increase in enrollment, and the computers went to Ottoson. In addition to that, there was an inequitable distribution of iPad carts to the schools. Dr. Woods will be requesting an additional iPad cart from the district so that Dallin has more than two carts to meet students' technology needs.

Principal Search

The Dallin principal search will begin in January.

**The next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th at 3:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Arnold