

SSS Site Council Meeting Minutes

08 February 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Stanfield Secondary Site Council was held on Monday, February 8, at 3:42 pm in room 7 of the Secondary school. Those in attendance were Mike Sanders (teacher), Lucas Tynkila (teacher), Katie Johnson (teacher), Penny Anderson (classified staff), Melissa Stradley (parent), Kim Griffin (parent), Natalie Cornejo, Kaitlyn Burns and Brittin Braithwaite (students) and Bryan Johnson (principal). The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The principal reviewed old business including the SSS attendance policy. No new information was presented. Also, Melissa Stradley and Kim Griffin reported back about the feedback they received in relation to the possibility of the 6th graders being moved to the SSS next year. There was some positive feedback from the community, as well as expressed caution about exposure of younger students to older behaviors and influences. No new information was presented and the issue was not on the February School Board agenda.

The students were welcomed. It was discussed that all meetings are open to the public, including students, and that ideally we want one appointed representative from the ASB to be a voting member of the site council. The students agreed to talk about the appointment at their next ASB meeting.

There was discussion about the last day of school/end of the year college trip in an effort to gather some feedback. Mention was made of virtual tours, sign-ups for students to select their destination, the SAGE Center, CBC's planetarium, and more. All agreed to listen for ideas and report back to the group in March.

The principal explained the curriculum adoption the district is facing in terms of the annual adoption cycle for math. New books/programs have the common core embedded and SSS math teachers will be giving input as they move to make purchases.

Professional development programs for the District were discussed. The Conscious Discipline program was explained as having good ideas and being largely elementary-based in the early phases. Growth Mindset was introduced as the District's focus on grit and the topic of upcoming regional professional development hosted by SSS on March 4th. The question was raised about how to reach and teach students who don't already possess the traits of perseverance and tenacity, beyond displaying posters, and selecting corresponding students of the month. In the early implementation, the heightened awareness among staff and the deliberate language are key factors, but it was explained that this is a work in progress.

The next meeting was planned for 14 March 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm

Katie Johnson, secretary