

Pearl Ridge Elementary School
SY 2014 -2015

School Community Council Minutes
September 16, 2014
PRE Library
4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairperson: Amy Colmenares
Community Representative[s]: Kent Sakata
Vice-Chairperson [Parent Representative]: Debbie Yoshino
Parent Representative[s]: Kevin Yoshino, Amy Colmenares
Administration: Steve Nakasato, Audrey Ragragola
Classified Staff: Patti Hisaka
Teachers: Joy Arakaki-Tsutsui, Corri Ferreira, Diane Okawa
Student SCC Representatives: Brooke, Dylan, Michael
Guest[s]: Laura Brown
Absent: Daneille Asing, Tracey Yoshikane, Andrew Lagapa

CALL TO ORDER: Amy Colmenares called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL of August 19, 2014 MINUTES: Steve Nakasato moved to approve the minutes. Amy Colmenares seconds.

REPORTS:

PTG:

- Hustle for Health
 - donations are due Thursday, September 18, 2014

Student Council:

- Meetings for Classroom Representatives
 - addressed meeting procedures
 - addressed how to take notes
- Fall Costume Parade
 - an informational flyer was made about the guidelines for costumes & candy
 - procedures for the costume parade were shared
 - next SC meeting will address whether to do the Hokey Pokey or another song
- Student Concerns
 - a new procedure [4 steps] for gathering student concerns was shared
- Bathroom Etiquette
 - posters are being made to post in the restrooms in an effort to keep our restrooms clean

Administration:

-Overview/Orientation of SCC by Steve Nakasato

[See Steve Nakasato if you are interested in viewing the Power Point.]

-What is an SCC?

- provides opportunities for shared decision-making among principals, teachers, support staff, parents, students and community members

-Why SCCs?

- Act 51: Part V-Community Involvement

- contributes to an improved school culture

- encourages a strong professional community of educators

- supports improved classroom practice and student learning

- believes that when families participate in a variety of ways in their children's education, including decision-making, their children and the school are more successful

-SCC Composition?

- 50% school personnel & 50% stakeholders

- Per SCC Handbook II, members shall include:

- principal

- 3 teachers

- 2 non-certificated staff

- 2 students

- 2 parents

- 2 community members

-SCC Responsibilities?

- to create new school policies

- to provide opportunities for community input

- to review the Academic Plan & provide recommendations to the principal

- to review & monitor school goals

-What is the Academic Planning Process?

- one school improvement plan

- analysis of the data

- research-based strategies/best practices

- increase student achievement

- minimize achievement gaps

-What is the Financial Plan

- student enrollment determines weighted student formula [WSF]

- deduct staffing costs and categorical positions

- remaining funding [about 10%] is allocated to support AFP goals, objectives, initial and intermediate goals

-WASC Accreditation presentation by Dr. Nakasato
 [See Steve Nakasato if you are interested in viewing the Power Point.]

-Timeline

-Accreditation Visit February 2015-2016
 [more details to come]

DATE	TASK
Fall 2014	-Orientation for PTG/SCC
Mid-Fall 2014	-PRE Commences WASC Task 1 -develop profile -identify 2-3 critical academic needs based on disaggregated data
Spring 2015	-Principal shares status report & how school has been addressing 3 goals of DOE Strategic Plan, school's needs, actions, and funding. -PRE Commences WASC Task 2 -summarize previous initial report -PRE Commences WASC Task 3 -analyze quality of school program based on WASC/DOE criteria [Self-Study]
June 2015	-PRE Completes First Draft of Accreditation Self-Study Report

-Purpose?

-original purpose of accreditation was to standardize secondary school programs to ensure that graduating students mastered a particular body of knowledge

-What is WASC?

-Western Accreditation of Schools and Colleges

-Why?

-certification to the public that the school is a trustworthy institution of learning

-validates the integrity of a school's program and student transcripts

-WASC Self-Study

-Focus on Learning [FOL]

-Joint WASC and Hawaii Department of Education Process Guide

-Organization: Vision and Mission [Purpose]; School Culture; Governance, Leadership, and Resources

-Standards-Based Student Learning: Curriculum

-Standards-Based Student Learning: Instruction

-Standards-Based Student Learning: Assessment & Accountability

-Quality Student Support for Student Performance & Academic Growth

-Next meeting: Community Meeting #1 [SCC Meeting to Follow]

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

4:00 p.m PRE Library

-Advertised on Marquee

-Announcement in Parent Bulletin

-Announcement on Twitter

NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

1. Share Academic Plan and Data
2. Re-visit the By-Laws, Vision, and Policies

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 4:57 p.m.