

Briarwood Site Council Minutes

September 24, 2009

Members Present: Drew Terry, Nancy Nievaard, Angela Gillen, Teresa Capen, Ben Coyne, Jennifer Mitchell, Meghan Converse, Marye Kae Anderson, Lara Chung, Polly Niblock, Joan Siegfried, Leslie Kahler.

Housekeeping: Minutes assigned: Sept./Jennifer, Oct./Nancy, Nov./Leslie, Dec./Angela, Jan./Teresa, Feb./Polly, March/Joan, April/Ben, May/Megan, June/Lara

Site Council Specifics:

Meeting dates: 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/10 (if needed)

Drew reviewed:

- The purpose of the Briarwood Site Council (BSC)
- The responsibility of BSC members
- Items the BSC does not handle
- The BSC civility policy
- The BSC operating norms
- Guest speaker guidelines

Building Update:

Staffing:

Briarwood was in an excess situation this year because of a drop in enrollment. Due to the excess we lost three teachers:

- Mindy Simonds is now teaching SAGE at Cougar Ridge
- Annie Miller is now teaching fourth grade at Maple Hills
- Sharon Solie is now teaching second grade at Maple Hills

There are three new staff members this year:

- Jill Miller is our new LRC-1 teacher
- Linda Okamoto is our new school nurse
- Kathy Caro is our new Title 1/LAP teacher

Classes:

- There are three sections at all grade levels, K-5
- Class size has increased
- BW total enrollment is 410 students

Resources of school information:

- Briarwood online calendar
- Sign up for E-news from both Briarwood and the district

BBQ/Meet Your Teacher/Picture Day:

- We had 91% of our students participate in the BBQ and Meet Your Teacher
- Suggestions for improving the picture taking process:
 - more cameras were needed (possibly 4 for next time)
 - one photo per child/no glamour shots

- have a separate line for each camera (4 cameras = 4 lines)
- send out the picture order form before picture day
- more volunteers helping

Curriculum Night:

- Parents and teachers like it on Wednesdays
- Parents like having K-2 and 3-5 on alternating weeks
- We didn't keep track of participation this year because it is a required event for teachers, but we had a good turn out.

Drew reviewed the following items:

- Briarwood Annual School Performance Report (can be found on the Briarwood website)
- Briarwood 2009-2010 School Calendar (can be found on the Briarwood Website)
- Briarwood 2009-2010 Activities Calendar (items are included on the BW school calendar)
- Staff development calendar

District Update:

District enrollment is up 300 students

Construction Projects Update:

- Skyline and IHS remodels are on schedule (freshman will go back to HS fall 2010)
- The new elementary school, E15 will open fall 2010
- Briarwood
 - the last piece of property has been purchased for the Briarwood construction
 - breaking ground will begin spring 2011
 - projected opening date is fall 2013

Professional Development:

- BART (Building Autism Research Team)
 - BW has a team of 8 staff members
 - Team attends 4 trainings throughout the year and then shares the info they've learned with the staff
 - Trainings are focused on strategies for teaching students on the Autism Spectrum
- STAR Protocol (Skills/Knowledge, Thinking, Application, Relationships)
 - District/Dr. Rasmussen's focus is on instruction
 - BW has a team of 4 members
 - They will be observing teachers from other buildings (PCFC & MH)
 - They will observe for 30 minute periods watching for specific skills, teaching methods, student interaction, etc. and then debrief as a team for 45 minutes
 - The focus is to reflect on one's teaching and learn new ways of teaching by watching other teach
 - First year of implementation includes training small groups of teachers from every building who then go back and share the information they've learned with their building
 - Second year of implementation includes all teachers being trained by observing others in the same building

Community Update:

School warning lights have been put up at MMS. Briarwood is next.



New Items:

Missoula Children's Theatre

- Dates: December 7-11
- Location is still unknown
 - possibilities include: LHS, MH, AP, BW
- All agree there should be an assembly at BW if it is held off campus so that all students can benefit