



# Philomath High School

## Site Council Minutes



*Wednesday, November 5, 2008*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Area of Concern</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Action / Notes</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the meeting to order.</li> <li>• Introduce new Site Council Members.</li> <li>• Pass out Site Council Binders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Ball graciously made snacks for us to enjoy. There was a brief discussion of snacks and how they would be provided, but no definite plans were made.</li> <li>• Binders and agendas were handed out.</li> <li>• The meeting was called to order when our timekeeper, Mr. Dealy arrived.</li> <li>• Introductions of all members.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff: Joe Dealy</li> <li>• Staff: Jamie Jeffery</li> <li>• Staff: Sharon Sánchez-Aragón</li> <li>• Staff: Alice Eldridge</li> <li>• Parent: Sue Hardin</li> <li>• Parent: Peter and Janice Finn</li> <li>• Parent: Tom Frisbie</li> <li>• Parent:</li> <li>• Classified: Debbie Baldwin</li> <li>• Administration: Ken Ball</li> <li>• Student: Liz Womack</li> <li>• Student: Mary DeGeghetto</li> </ul>	<p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff: Joe Dealy</li> <li>• Staff: Jamie Jeffery</li> <li>• Staff: Sharon Sánchez-Aragón</li> <li>• Staff: Alice Eldridge</li> <li>• Parent: Sue Hardin</li> <li>• Parent: Peter Finn</li> <li>• Classified: Debbie Baldwin</li> <li>• Administration: Ken Ball</li> <li>• Student: Liz Womack</li> <li>• Student: Mary DeGeghetto</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elect Parent Co-Chair</li> <li>• Discuss Refreshments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sue Hardin wanted to find out more about the Site Council goals before committing to Co-Chair the Site Council.</li> </ul>

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## Site Council Goals

- Clarification of Site Council purpose
- Site Council Goals discussion
- 1. Facilities: Classroom space, student commons/cafeteria
  - a. (The biggest decision that has to be made is what buildings will be reconstructed and what new buildings will be constructed.
  - b. Facility Bond – We will need community support
- 2. Curriculum/Instruction
  - a. 20/20 Vision group is working on this
- 3. Technology/Testing needs
- 4. **School Improvement Plan**

### **This is what Site Council will focus on.**

- Topics for next meeting

- There is a need for a better understanding of the purpose of Site Council.
- We will add links on the school website to give parents and community members the ability to e-mail concerns.
- We will also include a call for more parents to participate in Site Council.
- Site Council will make suggestions to the School Board for changes that are needed in our school.
- Mr. Ball will be asking for money to support the Site Council.
  
- For the State Assessments in math we have 22 laptops from HP. The idea is to have 15 students use the laptops to take the on-line test and 15 students do the work samples, and the next day switch. If we had 30 laptops, we could have two teachers testing at the same time. The laptops will allow us to use the computer labs for the reading and science assessments.
- State testing should be a tool we use to help us learn something about our teaching. What does the data tell us and what do we need to work on? How does the information help the students?
- 95% of our students took the PSATs. The counselors will be going over the scores with the students.
- We want the students to get used to the idea of testing and see the value in what they learn. (Weave it into their thinking.)
- We cannot always do something to better prepare the students in 4 weeks when they are able to retake the test, but we can ask ourselves what we can do to improve the following year's instruction.
- The Trimester system does not help testing. It is not good for math and languages. The gaps are not good for learning. We need to look at a schedule that works best for all the classes.
  
- How do we improve the facilities we have and build new facilities that we need?
- We need a commons, theater... for the students.
- This school was built for 400 students and we are at 600.
- The students should be able to help with painting...they could be Senior Projects, community service...
- In 2 years the current bond expires and it might be a good time to ask for a new bond. This may be a hard sell in this economy.

\*\*Mr. Ball will bring a school improvement plan to the next meeting.

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## Principal's Report

- Final results from Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - State Assessment/ Laptop Lab
  - Update on Board Study Session
  - 20/20 meeting update
  - Facility Report
  - Guest Speaker – Jon Bartlow on PBS
  - AAA awards
- Mr. Bartlow reported on PBS.
  - PBS stands for Positive Behavior Support.
  - The idea is taken from the idea of consistency in parenting. When parents are consistent with discipline and rules, the children are more successful and there are fewer conflicts in a family. So, if there is consistency among teachers and rules in school, the students will be more successful and there will be fewer conflicts.
  - We will be looking at having common goals and setting expectations for the students.
  - There is an emphasis on reinforcing positive behaviors.
    - a. Student of the Month will now include Warrior and Volunteer
    - b. We want to increase recognition of students for the good that is done
    - c. Parents are being contacted for the recognition assembly. Sue Hardin said that parent contacts are a big thing for most parents.
  - There are only 19 students who have not had some parent-teacher contact for PTC. The first numbers indicated an 80% contact and now it is up to 96%.
  - Our #1 priority is the kids.
  - We must ask – Why do we do that? And Is it best for the kids?
  - We have to focus on best practices and not on rewards.
  - ASB is the most involved it has been in years. They are taking their leaderships roles very seriously. They are using the Talking Lockers as a tool to find out how the students are feeling. They are focusing on a positive culture.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary DeGeghetto mentioned that if there are too many rewards, they lose their value.</li> <li>• Is there a need for Parent-Teacher Conferences all three trimesters?</li> <li>• Can this be done via phone calls, e-mails...?</li> <li>• Before this decision can be made, we need teacher input and district office approval for time.</li> <li>• 20/20 Vision group is making postcards to send positive notes to parents.</li> <li>• For the kids it is important to have some positive aspect to the conferences, like cookies, a raffle...</li> <li>• One of the concerns during PTC was time for all of the parents.</li> <li>• There is a need for a link in the Power School system for teachers to contact parents.</li> <li>• Comments are important to parents and students.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Other Comments or Concerns</b>		No concerns were expressed
<b>7</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 3, 2008 at 3:30pm at the Philomath High School Counseling Center</li> </ul>	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. We will meet on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 3:30 in the Counseling Center.