

Winthrop Elementary School Site Council

Wednesday, January 19, 2011
2:45-4:00

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ursula Boyle, Kate Calias, Michelle Dell Isola, Melanie Wilcox, Timothy Donnelly, Gary Romano, Bryna Davis

Members absent: Jennifer O'Brien Michaud

Public present:

Meeting called to order at 2:50.

1. Review and approval of December 8, 2010 Minutes

Michelle Dell Isola motioned to accept the December 8, 2010 meeting Minutes and Kate Calias seconded the motion. Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

2. Communication sub-committee PowerPoint presentation

Reviewed the statement Gary Romano drafted to Pat Muxie regarding the writing curriculum as a follow up action item from the December 8th meeting. We also looked at the draft of the PowerPoint presentation creating to share out as information piece. Site council sees the PowerPoint as a family engagement piece. Need to think about course of action, what are we doing to assist students with test taking strategies and developing topic in writing. How can parents help students? What are helpful exercises parents can do with kids. Add a piece to our enotices regarding the math word of the week and MCAS vocabulary word. Should the PowerPoint focus on issues having with writing the Storytown rubric and exemplars? If we share out the PowerPoint we will customize it by grade level. Share out the school initiatives, what are we doing about writing? Gary Romano will follow up by finding out through his consulting what curriculums other districts use with 6 Traits. Tim Donnelly will follow up with PTOs regarding the writing issue on other schools radars. The data team has created a test taking tip booklet which the site council reviewed and the site council recommends gets posted on our website once completed. The data team will review and discuss how utilize at its next meeting on January 26, 2011.

Tim Donnelly will look into The FOSS Science Kits purchasing of 1 kit for each classroom for each grade level topic to remove need to share kits as an action item for the PTO fundraising.

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3. Discussion for 2011-2012 SIP
Did not get to this agenda item.

4. Set next meeting date
Set next meeting date for Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.