

Newcastle Elementary Site Council Agenda and Minutes

Site Council Representatives*:

Rich Mellish, Principal

Nami Kusunose, Dean of Students

Alissa Miller, Primary Teacher

Robyn Lundberg, Intermediate Teacher

Seth Miller, Specialist

Joni Hamasaki, Classified Lion Club

Richard Crispo, Community Rep

JuliAnne Diesch, PTSA

Peter O'Donoghue, Parent

OPEN, Parent

Briana Heim, Parent

** members present in blue*

Focus Goals:

The Newcastle Site Council will study, monitor and advise the school leadership toward the following goal areas:

1. Developing our School Community.

Continue the development of our school as a place where families are embraced, supported and connected to the school, each other and the greater Newcastle community.

2. Growing our Culture of Kindness.

Further grow systems and practices that

- encourage a culture of kindness characterized by mutual respect, shared responsibility and embracing differences as students develop learning and social skills; support and encourage resiliency and responsible risk taking; and
- foster high expectations for academic achievement and growth without placing unhealthy levels of stress and pressure on children.

October 11, 2016 Agenda (notes in Green)

Updates:

Community Impacts:

- Oct Count: 621 students (up from in the 580's Oct'15)
- ELL Count: 75 students (up from high 30's in fall 2014)
- LRC 1: 33 students, 2 new evaluations
- FDK: 115 Students
- Avalon Bay zoned to Cougar Ridge Elementary
- Expect to request portable: next expected growth- 1st &/or 3rd Grade

Continuing Family Engagement Programs

- PTSA
 - Family Connections (Nancy Ko & Tammy Chinn)
 - Family Events 3x/yr
 - KinderConnect
 - Auction
- Culture & Diversity Committee (Rich Mellish & Chris Longfellow)
 - Culture Fair
- PIE Night: “If you give a reader a book...”
- New family tours, orientations
- Regular Communications, Websites...

Emerging Efforts

- Math & Engineering Night (February)
- Family Connections
 - Grade level events, building smaller communities
 - Resource directory
 - Translators / Ambassadors
- New Communications
 - SIP
 - PBS
 - Math

Discussion

- Opportunities & Questions
- Volunteer needs
- Survey Questions
 - Questions that explore how long families have been involved with NCE, the community and in our region/country
 - Questions that explore resource needs such as after school care, activities, language support, academic support (tutoring)...
 - Questions that explore volunteering...
 - Ability to volunteer
 - Interest
 - Do people feel invited to volunteer
 - Do people feel it is easy
 - What types of volunteering is of interest
- Site Council Role

Next Meeting Dates: Dec. 13, Feb 14, Apr 11, June 13