

Newcastle Elementary Site Council Agenda and Minutes

Site Council Representatives*:

Rich Mellish, Principal
Alissa Miller, Primary Teacher
Stephanie DeJesus, Intermediate Teacher
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Mckenzie Tewel, Classified

Richard Crispo, Community Rep
JuliAnne Diesch, PTSA
Peter O'Donoghue, Parent
OPEN, Parent
Briana Heim, Parent

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.

Focus Goals Process

Studying

- ✓ Baseline data
- ✓ Community engagement
- ✓ Literature / studies

Exploring possible actions including

- ✓ Advising the principal
- ✓ Community engagement
- ✓ Ad Hoc
- ✓ Evaluating / soliciting resources

Monitoring progress

October 2, 2015 Agenda (notes in Green)

Who we are and why we are here

Focus Goals Monitoring: Update by Rich

- **Culture of Kindness Theme: Growing Together**
- **Culture & Diversity Team**
- **Communications**
- **Website**
- **PTSA Collaboration**

* members present in blue

4 School Themes *See box to right*

Affirm – Revise Goals, Set Targets

After reviewing all the updates the it was decided to focus our efforts on engaging / informing our community around key district-wide efforts including:

- *Homework and Grading Policies*
- *Crowding and Construction Bonds*
- *Math Adoption*
- *Positive Behavior Supports*
- *Start times for elementary and secondary schools*

Meetings: *Fridays, 8am*

Nov 6

Jan 8

March 4

May 6

2015 Growing Together Themes

- I. Strengthening job-alike and vertical **team collaboration and professional growth** for all staff.*
- II. Building shared understanding and commitment to a **cohesive and aligned instructional design**.*
- III. Reflecting on and increasing effective **engagement will all our community**.*
- IV. Develop an effective and cohesive **Positive Behavior, Social, Emotional Support System** (understanding, belief, strategies, supports, resources) – 3 year goal.*