



Tod Wood	Principal	Bisa Meek	Year 2 Parent Rep
Cathy Andrews	K-1 Teacher Rep	Heather Ackermann	Year 2 Parent Rep
Robyn Lundberg	2-3 Teacher Rep	Mike Atangan	Year 1 Parent Rep
Emily Kallevig	4-5 Teacher Rep	Marcia O'Donoghue	Year 1 Parent Rep
Karen Nelson	Specialist Rep	Nicole Anderson	PTSA Rep
Laura Korsgaard	Classified Rep		

Newcastle Elementary Site Council October 30, 2020

Absent Members: Bisa Meek

Community Members in Attendance: None

I Welcome & Introduction of Members

Team members took time to introduce themselves via Zoom.

II Review of By-Laws

By-Laws were reviewed and approved for 2019-20.

III Newcastle Update

Online Learning/Movement towards Hybrid

Dr. Wood shared regarding district planning for implementation of an in-person Hybrid model, as those components are being prepared, safety measures being developed, and extensive planning completed in order to be ready to launch as soon as our conditions allow for the school district to give the green light for implementation of an in-person Hybrid model.

Team members were also called upon to provide ideas/suggestions to help support student engagement during this challenging time. A summary of those ideas included:

- Building up our student council and involving student leaders in development of ideas for activities, spirit days, challenges, and so forth.*
- Providing opportunities for students to come together for online activities, games (Pictionary), etc.*
- Creating specific challenges for students... so many push-ups in a day, so many pages read, etc.*
- Use of brain breaks for kids to hang out and have fun together. Robyn shared that her students had made fortune tellers, engaged in art activities, shared music and dance, and that more kids seemed to join each day that those activities went on.*
- Use of breakout rooms where students can use all the Zoom features to have fun together*
- Recesses and/or activities with other classes. Karen shared that overlapping students coming and going between Zoom sessions was something that her students have really enjoyed*

- *Classroom buddies (older and younger classes coming together for activities)*
 - *Working on strategies to engage hesitant/shy students (such as intentional student pairings)*
 - *Small group projects that require student interactions to accomplish the tasks being given*
 - *Teachers have also seen students light up when given “remote control” of the classroom!*
- Dr. Wood will be working with his Leadership team to build on, expand, and implement strategies to help build on student engagement throughout our time of Remote Learning.*

V School Improvement Plan 2020-21 (SIP)

The focus of the Newcastle SIP is on math this year. The goal is to see a minimum of 87% of students in grades three through fifth meeting standard on the Smarter Balanced Assessment. In addition, the school is working to specifically increase performance by those Newcastle students who are receiving special education services.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic impacting testing last Spring (and the cancelation of the 2020 SBA), this year’s data will be drawn from iReady, a new math program being implemented district wide. In addition, a primary focus this year will be on student engagement.

VI Open Discussion/Input

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00

Next Dates: Friday, January 22, 8:00-9:00
 Friday, March 12, 8:00-9:00
 Friday, May 7, 8:00-9:00