

Newcastle Elementary Site Council Agenda and Minutes

Site Council Members:

Rich Mellish, Principal
Nami Kusunose, Dean of Students
Cathy Andrews, Primary Teacher
Robyn Lundberg, Intermediate Teacher
Ali Webb, Specialist
Laura Korsgaard, Classified Lion Club

Angela Ursino, PTSA Co-President
Elysa Piha, PTSA Co-President
Tammy Chin, Parent & Outreach VP
Luisa Gass, Parent & Programs VP
Kelly Stone, Parent at Large
Theresa Rachatto, Parent at Large

Goal:

The Newcastle Site Council will study, monitor and advise the school leadership in developing a welcoming and inclusive school community and family partnerships.

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Site Council Role & Fit

- Site Council
- Academic Leadership Team
- PBSES Leadership Team
- PTSA Board & Committees
- PTSA President – Principal weekly meetings
- *Equity Team TBD*

Site Council Vision

- Goal (review & edit)

Current Family Engagement Efforts: *What are some ways we currently engage families and promote an inclusive school community?*

- Family nights (whole school) Costume, Culture Fair, Science?
- Movie nights (grade bands)
- PIE Night, Curriculum Night, STEM Night
- Conferences
- Meet the Teachers

- Some grade level or class celebrations or presentations
- Concerts
- Volunteering (ex: Art Docent, help with clerical, classroom volunteers,
- Availability of staff
- ?Dojo, Remind, Seesaw
- New family tours & brochure & orientations
- E-news
- Kinderconnection
- Auction & Auction events

Possible Coordination or Enhancements: *What are some ways we could grow our practices toward our goal?*

- How to be inclusive of working parents (later meet the teacher was easier)
- More during-day grade level opportunities for parents
- Communication platform – training, more uniform?, support for technology...
- New family welcome (from a parent volunteer)
- How can we get to know families? Profile – newsletter, bulletin board???
- School museum
- *Equity team – linkage with district,
- Connect with district events
- Space issues – whole school v break-outs (parking, multiple kids, room in commons...)
- **Even more bringing like-groups together (grade levels...)