

## Newcastle Elementary Site Council Agenda and Minutes

### Site Council Representatives\*:

Rich Mellish, Principal

Alissa Miller, Primary Teacher

Stephanie DeJesus, Intermediate Teacher

Laura Berry, 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.

### **March 4, 2016 Agenda *(notes in Green)***

**2015-16 Focus: Engaging / informing our community around key district-wide efforts including:**

#### ***Homework and Grading Policies***

~ Update:

- Staff meeting survey
- District Regulation, Procedure and new Guidelines in development
- Summary proposal this spring, release to parents in the fall

#### ***Crowding and Construction Bonds***

~ April Vote

***Math Adoption (Jan update- process still unfolding, no action to date)***

- ~ Eureka!
- ~ Staff training in spring, summer
- ~ Parent engagement in fall

***Positive Social, Emotional and Behavior Supports (Jan update – Presentation planned for Feb 1 PTSA meeting)***

- ~ Invite SSC & Principal to PTSA?
- ~ Enrollment Information Night

***Start times for elementary and secondary schools***

- ~ No change, rethinking a proposal this spring for fall 2017

***FDK***

- ~ Urgency issue: forms are not coming in as needed district wide
- ~ March 10 due date
- ~ May need to rethink plan
  - Shorter period
  - Electronic Registration (maybe)
  - Kindergarten festival – tours, activity, submission, information
  - Class placement?
- ~ District committee for program changes

***Welcome brochure***

***Diversity Committee***

- ~ Successful Fair – will do again and expand next year
- ~ Ambassadors
- ~ More language materials

***Future Scheduled Meetings: Fridays, 8am, May 6***

**Next on Agenda:**

- Focus on engaging new and existing families – structures and responsibilities
- Establishing Ambassadors
- Math nights