

District Site Council Minutes

4/20/20

6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom due to school closing

Members Present: Amy Patmon, Chuck Keller, Stacy Scheetz, Jeremy Schiltz, Darrel Dible, Mandy Focke.

Guest: Brandy Spresser

Minutes from the January meeting were revisited since it has been awhile. There was no meeting in February due to school activities conflict. Then no meeting in March due to the chairman was to be absent for Senior trip sponsor.

No additions to the agenda

Amy asked Brandy Spresser to attend the meeting and fill the council in on what is happening with the daycare. There has been so much going on, she was asked to get us up to date. Obviously by looking across from the grade school the building is here. Everything is installed for the outside such as stairs, ramps, parking lot, fencing, etc. Then most of the inside is ready. Brandy called and made an appointment with the fire marshall. He will inspect within the next 2 weeks. After that is finished she will be able to get the daycare agent here to inspect the overall facility. It usually takes the state 30-90 days for approval. Her goal is to open up the first part of July if possible. At this point they have held several interviews. The positions were offered last month, one accepted and 2 declined. Brianna Stoll accepted and will be a provider. They had more interviews last week. After the board meeting tonight they will hopefully offer two more positions. They will have 3 full time positions and 2 subs. Business hours will be Monday-Friday all year around 7:30-6:00. They will close for a week for Christmas holiday.

Next, building level reports were done. Amy Patmon reported for the elementary. She said that they are trying to get the parents into the school more than just for music concerts and parent-teacher conferences. We want them to feel more comfortable at the school and welcome. They decided to have each class take a month and invite one family to school to eat lunch with their grade school student. It was a huge success. Our 4th grade class was unable to participate due to the school closing for the Covid-19. So it was decided they will get to go first next year, as the plan will be to do it again. Attendance was as follows:

Kindergarten 14 of 15 parents

1st grade-8 of 10

2nd grade-9 of 10

3rd grade-11 of 12

4th- didn't get to participate this year

5th grade-8 of 10

We held P/T conferences on Feb. 10th. Amy will present a comparison next month with fall vs spring conference attendance. There was a Little Girls Dance Camp in February. We completed the Aimsweb winter benchmark testing. The curriculum committee got samples of Social Studies books. They planned to pilot the week after spring break, but that didn't happen due to the Covid-19. So they will put that off until next year. They will look over samples this summer. Amie Cheney wants to complete her Girl Scout project this week. She will do a live drawing of the stuffed animals donated for the Anti-bully program and acts of kindness. They will be published on the school website. She also plans to continue this program again next year.

Mr Keller presented MS/HS updates. He said he has worked on the master class schedule for next year. It has a few more things needing worked out then will be finished up. They got another pathway class approved in the Science/Health program and it will be taught by Mindy Fleckenstein. All of the pathways have been approved for next year. The scoreboard at the football field is going to be lit up each Friday night from last week through the end of the school year with 2020. This is a special dedication to our senior class of high school this year.

Amy reported briefly on booster club, Tia Carter was absent. Amy talked to her over the weekend to see if there was a plan that the booster club would be doing for the students during this difficult time. Tia said she was waiting to see what for sure is going to happen with school. She said she wants to run several things by the club for approval. Things she mentioned were possibly awarding the seniors with a gift that is worth about \$100 since they didn't get to do a post prom party this year. She asked if Amy could ask them what types of things they might want around that price range and get ideas back to her. Then she also mentioned they will probably still plan to give the seniors a \$50 gift card for graduation. If we don't end up having receptions following the ceremony they will mail the gift cards to them. She also mentioned possibly having a date where all of the classes could sell some of their projects for fundraisers in the fall or a back to school event. Plans will be made after the next booster club meeting.

Darrel Dible reported on the Ag pathways and FFA program. At this time we have 4 Ag Pathways-Construction, Manufacturing, Ag Mechanic, and Ag Science. He will get us a complete list by the next meeting with numbers in the programs. This year they will

have for sure 3 completers: Jaime Infante, Austin Patmon and Colby Lathrop. The Ag/Construction department at school received a \$5,000 grant from Pioneer. With that money they purchased new items needed for the classes. Mig Welder, belt sander, 4 ½ “ grinder, Plasma torch to name a few. They received a few of them so far, all have been ordered. As far as FFA goes, he said they had to cancel the soup supper fundraiser due to the concert being canceled with the school closing. They may possibly do a fundraiser on the 4th of July celebration in Selden if they get to have that this summer. The one thing they are working on is officer interviews and elections. They might wait until Fall due to the outbreak of this virus and trying to get more members from the underclassmen to join the club.

Next, Stacy Scheetz from SD Cty. Health Complex, reported she is currently still seeing 2 students from the grade school during this time. She is able to see all of the students she had been servicing during the school year, but trying to find meeting times has been difficult. If any teachers need to talk to her or have questions about services please call her at her work cell phone number 785-657-7519. She also mentioned she would be able to offer these services throughout the summer if needed.

Lisa Stoll was not present at this meeting so we will discuss the food program next month.

Communication has been good during this Covid-19 outbreak. Mr Keller puts out a Survey Monkey weekly for parents to fill out. It is located on the school website. It asks about what they like, how things are going and what we can improve on. Mr Keller then presents that information to the teachers so changes can be made if needed. An original letter went home to parents explaining about the virus. We also have been using the phone text service to remind parents of what is going on.

Lyn Cheney was unable to attend the meeting. Amy did talk to her and told her that some of the affirmations that were hung on the grade school halls needed replaced or fixed. They are not sticking or have been torn. Lyn ordered more vinyl and they will check out which ones need fixed.

Amy asked about the food pantry items located at school, do they need to be checked for outdated stuff? If so can we disburse them before we are dismissed for the summer? Mr Keller will talk to Mr Scott and the NHS kids to see if he can get a few kids in there to check on the current situation. Mr Keller then told us how well the breakfast and lunch grab and go meals have been working at the school. They have three locations to meet all of our students' needs to deliver meals and homework pick up/drop

off at the same time. Mr Smith put together a schedule for workers to be around the school to do the homework pick up. He also generated a letter to explain the process to the parents. Mr Keller also mentioned that the school just got approved last Friday for the Rural Meal program through Baylor. Traci will send out information this week, you only have 3 days to sign up. He said it should work out great, when we are done serving meals for the school year this program should start. You cannot do both programs at the same time.

There will be a training that Amy and Mr Keller go to next year for Site Council. Mr Keller will get back to us on the information of dates. Then they will come back to the council and train the members.

There was no early childhood screening due to the Covid-19. ASQ's were sent home with the current preschool kids and any elementary kids who had younger siblings at home. Then some were mailed out to families who haven't started school yet. Those are to be returned to Elaine Koerperich by the end of March. However, we will send out a reminder to drop those off at the school over the lunch distribution. She will also make arrangements for anyone who can't drop them off to go pick it up. Elaine Koerperich and Nicole Schiltz will enter the information into the database as soon as we collect them. This information still has to be turned into the state.

The OVT will try to meet for an hour so that they will not meet next fall or have to push it off again due to this virus outbreak. They will do that through a zoom meeting.

Plans for next year were addressed. Mr Keller said at this point school should start on time and back to normal. He will let us know differently if that isn't going to happen. First day of school for next year will be August 19th. He said they have hired Jennifer Spresser to teach middle school math. That will help allow Mr Scott to divide up some of the larger classes. The junior class for next year will be divided in half basically for English, Math and Science.

It was asked by Mandy Focke what the plan was for the Summer Bridge Books. We will give those out the first week of May. They will need to be done at home this summer and returned to school the first week we are back or at back to school night. We planned to do celebrations throughout the summer, but those plans have changed due to the virus. So we will plan a field trip or celebration of some kind after school starts next year.

The next site council meeting will be Monday, May 18th at 6:30. This will also be another zoom meeting. You will get an invite in your email from Mr Keller to attend. If you have anything for the agenda please contact Amy.