

**Site Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Sept. 8, 2016**  
**4:00pm**

**Attendees:**

**Marion Louck**  
**Meggen Berlute**  
**Annie Elasky**  
**Katy Sen**  
**Rachel Walker**  
**Lisa Olson**

**Mary Rice**  
**Steve Uhler**  
**Ryan Fitzgerald**  
**Lori Kaufmann**  
**Sheilagh Johnson**  
**Daniel Anderson**

1. What's the Buzz?
  - Feedback regarding discontinuation of Continental Math. Some parents are distressed. Parents whose children were in Continental Math feel that their kids may miss out on some differentiation. Parents also liked volunteering for the program.
  - Parents/Teachers wondered about Continental Math being an after school option. We do offer a math league afterschool already.
  - Parents excited about Math Workshop, but wondering if they can volunteer during the workshop. Teachers seem to be excited about having parent volunteers.
2. Parent Volunteers.
  - How do we keep volunteer levels high even though we no longer do Continental Math.
  - Volunteers needed during Math Workshop, Read Naturally (larger commitment needed). ROT Table/Lunchroom, Walking Wednesdays, Book Buddies (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Writers Workshop
  - How do we recruit parent volunteers?
  - Suggested that maybe each grade be responsible for volunteers per month. (e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents volunteer for the month of November.)
3. Enrollment.
  - Hale is funded for 627 students. Our current enrollment is at 636.
4. New Roof.
  - We are getting a new roof over our gym.
  - Solar panels will be installed.
  - Hoping to start on September 19<sup>th</sup> with completion scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. Construction Update.
  - Got off to a late start (over a month late).
  - Dry-walling the office and the art room now.
  - Hoping art room is ready by Monday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. STEM Program.
  - We are a leading school for technology in the district.
  - EIE – Engineering in Elementary coming to Minneapolis (Through the Science Museum).

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be going to training and is enrolled in the program.
  - Every other grade will be part of a pilot, trained by members of the science museum.
  - [www.eie.org](http://www.eie.org)
7. Parent Donations.
- We are restructuring the way we accept donations and ask parents for financial assistance.
  - Fieldtrip fee requests will also be examined.
8. Playground Update.
- We've had a large amount of injuries on our playground over the past year.
  - Not getting rid of anything just yet.
  - We are in compliance, equipment is approved and to code.
  - Ryan and Rachel will meet to discuss the future of the playground.
9. Water/Lead Levels.
- There will be a public report out soon.
  - Hale has no issues.
10. Site Council Calendar.
- We will meet on the third Wednesday of each month (with exception of holidays).
  - Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>-4:30; Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>-3:30; Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-4:30; Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>-3:30; Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>-4:30; March 15<sup>th</sup>-3:30; Apr 19<sup>th</sup>-4:30; May 17<sup>th</sup>-3:30
11. Parent Priorities.
- a. Academics-Closing the Achievement Gap.  
Parents would like more information about our student growth as it applies to all students and then learn how they can better assist our community. What does differentiation look like in the building and is it working? Are teachers overloaded with all the differentiation?
  - b. Social Emotional Learning
  - c. Hale School Community Participation-How do we strengthen our whole community?
  - d. Build a better understanding of, and relationship with, Field School and the District

Ryan will share the SIP at the next meeting and review the State of the School.