

Schwegler Site Council meeting

2/9/21

Virtual meeting via Webex

5:30 pm

Those in attendance: Amy Shellhorn (PIF) Amber Baranski (vice chair and parent), Travis Harrod (chair and parent), Tricia Allen (parent), Jared Comfort (principal and parent) Carole Cadue-Blackwood (BOE)

Agenda:

Welcome/Review of Minutes from last year

Minutes from our December 2020 meeting were motioned and seconded for approval and then were accepted and approved by the group

Discuss feedback on documenting Schwegler's Equity work and AVID work

Dr. Comfort asked the parents present to share what they and other families may want to know about our equity and AVID work. Here are some of the questions and discussion items that were mentioned:

1. What is discussed at equity meetings or trainings?
2. Who can come to these?
3. Who is attending them?
4. It was expressed that the more information and transparency the better and therefore less opportunities for grumblings and confusion
5. Would like to know more information or any differences between the district equity leadership team and building equity teams
6. Updates and more information about PASS and Equity Allies would be helpful
7. It was suggested that sharing this information each month in the school newsletter would be a good place to start, as well as on our website
 1. Parents shared that they would appreciate a clear explanation and definition of AVID
 2. They would like to see how its implementation and evolvment over the grade levels looks and how it differs at each grade level
 3. Parents would like to have the goal of AVID clearly shared or defined
 4. They would be interested in what we are doing in PD with AVID

Amy Shellhorn shared briefly where we will eventually “house” the updates and information to share with parents regarding our equity and AVID work on our school website. It will be under the “INITIATIVES” tab at the top of our home page. There will be a category for AVID and one for Equity work. We will share this information and location with school families once we begin posting information there.

Other:

The discussion shifted back to the importance of having other voices and multiple perspectives at site council. We would like to hear from more families and more perspectives.

We discussed the plan to define the role of PTA and the role of site council at Schwegler for parents and to share that before our next meeting. We will continue to send emails out about site council, have it on the website and calendar , will post a reminder to FB and Dr. Comfort will mention it in the school newsletter. Dr. Comfort did share that when we have had our PASS meetings in the past, we were able to talk in a safe space and hear from some of our families that may not attend site council meetings on a regular basis.

A parent asked if we could revisit the opportunity for families to give some feedback in survey form.

We all shared that we enjoyed the PASS connection to the school carnival last year and liked the idea of trying something similar again in the fall and brainstorming some ideas to get parents excited to “be back in the building” and use some of that momentum next school year to increase involvement and new voices.

We also shared that our PRIDE groups, which we can not currently have would be good way to do some project based learning and possibly incorporate learning about different cultures that way next school year. Dr. Comfort asked the parents preset to send him any questions they or others may have regarding returning to 5 days a week in person after Spring Break.

Our next site council meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, April 13th at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be virtual and a link will be posted closer to the date.