Site Council Minutes
October 21, 2015:

In attendance:
Cassidy
Sandra
Patrick
Julie
Stephanie
David
Rene
Carrie

Grant Update:
Every year we can apply for 3 grants – total of $5,000 in payments of two 2,000 and two 500 grant. Staff is looking at using the money for science/math focus.

Most popular choice for the grants (from staff meeting) was equipping the science lab with “kit” or materials for teachers to teach specific lessons/labs at each grade level. Sandra brought up the question of how these supplies will be maintained...cleaned, cared for, etc. Ideas include: student leaders, community volunteer, parent volunteers who are science professors at the UO – as Patrick says “a curator”. Stephanie took notes to include this concept in the grant proposal.

Scientist in residence seemed like a waste of money and created additional work for teachers. Staff felt that money could be spent more wisely.

Another goal would be to create environmental “murals” or paintings to make our math and science focus “visible”...example would be 100’s charts on walls, etc.

Another option is to cover assemblies.

Sandra asked for consideration for the School Garden Project ($500). She will write the grant.

A science/math team was created to help make immediate decisions and also to make short and long term plans.

Patrick suggested that site council give a generic “approval” – then if EEF requires one we are covered. Site council is approving grants with the following focus in this order: Math & science night (500), making math visual art experience (2000), garden project (500) and supplies for the science room (2000).

Grants due Nov. 1
CAP and School Goals:
We will cover this next meeting.

Continue discuss previous SIP/math & science plans:
We will cover this in another meeting.
A short spontaneous discussion was had about how to beef up the “math” part of the school’s focus. Ideas were bandied about. 😊

PTO Update:
Fundraisers need to be family focused – childcare is an issue for our families.
PTO is trying to tweak the silent auction (items offered, when it occurs, etc) for maximum benefit
Starting to dip into savings.
Popcorn makes about $50 a pop. (har, har)
Jog-A-Thon – goal was $10,000...brought in $8,000ish – brainstorm about how to bring in more for Jog-A-Thon
Chipotle brought in $800ish