Site Council Minutes
January 20, 2016:

In attendance:
Cassidy
Sandra
Patrick
Julie
Stephanie
David
Carrie
Judy
Josie

Next year’s staffing update – David presenting:
Staffing will be given 1st of February and staffing plan is expected to be turned in at the end of February. Staffing is based on # of kids enrolled in October. Last year our staffing was based on 473 – this year 503. This is an earlier timeline than in the past.

Next year’s budget update – David Presenting:
David noticed $1.73 allocated per student on next year’s budget – earmarked for field trips. Next year’s budget is due at the end of this month. David noted that a nice thing is that we won’t have to spend a lot of next year’s budget on technology because we have a lot now. 😊 As a staff we should, however, talk about software and online subscriptions – AR and IXL...for example. These are pricey and can take up a significant percentage of our budget.

School Visitations/school showcase – David Presenting:
School visits come in two waves – 90% are kinder parents – in January and February. David spends about an hour with them giving a school tour and answering questions. In the past questions have mostly been about all day Kindergarten and safety. School showcase happens on a Saturday...it’s a stand at a booth type of event.

School choice has historically been a competitive thing. Staying above 470 is good – as it seems to allow 3 teachers per grade and no need for blending grades. The current vibe is to have less energy put into recruiting – for less fluctuation among our populations.

Math & Science Discussion – David Presenting:
• EEF Grants
  ○ Grants applied for and awarded: $500 for Math & Science (EWEB) and $2000 for outfitting the Discovery Room
• Discovery Room – might supplement the new science kits or have each grade level choose a “project” and outfit the room in order to complete it – something that each grade level can teach and participate in year after year

• Math & Science Night
• WeDo 2.0 Lego beginning robotics
  o New version of lego robotics is WeDo. (Vex is most difficult, Lego Mindstorm is next difficult – this new version is simplified).
  o 8 kits are being purchased – students will be given the opportunity to attend one of a few after school sessions based on lottery if necessary. Students will come from 2-4th grade and will likely have to submit an application of some kind as well.
  o Plan is to run it twice with staff, then enable community volunteers to run sessions. Once we have run it a few times, we can then promote it or grow it as we see it being beneficial to our students.
  o Discussion ensued about equity around afterschool programs and issues with ability to provide transportation.
  o David did some show and tell about WeDo. 😊

• Conversation with Dr. B
  o The idea of a “K-5 Experience” school vs. a “Science” school – which implies a focus and dedication to science which doesn't move forward with kids to middle or high school.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20