

# Adams Traditional Academy

## Site Council Minutes

Thursday, 6:00p.m.

ATA Building A – MPR

Prepared by Amber Molloy

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○ **Call to Order (5:51pm)**

○ **Pledge of Allegiance**

○ **Roll Call**

Ben Levandoski, Teacher 6-8 (absent)      Hillary Hancock, Parent      Dr. Stacy Smith, Principal

Aaron Daniels Teacher 4-5      Lisa McCauley, Parent

Janet Coates, Teacher 2-3      April Gould, Parent

Jennifer Drew, Teacher K-1      Christie Murphy, Parent (arrived 5:58)

Lacie Hutton, Teacher Specials      Suzanne Van Wagner, Parent

Lainie Rainkin, Staff      Amber Molloy, Parent

○ **Also present at meeting:**

- Audra Wilson-Smith, CEO

○ **Emergency Items:** None

○ **Action Items:**

- Approve meeting minutes from 9-5-19 meeting, changing Dr. Smith's name and removing her status as absent.
  - Daniels moved, Gould 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously
- Approve meeting minutes from 10-3-19 meeting
  - McCauley moved, Van Wagner 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously
- Proposed Field Trip language for Parent/Student handbook Page 37 (I) Field Trips
  - The following language to be inserted prior to the current 1) under (I) Field trips: During the calendar school year, each grade level will take one field trip as selected by teachers and administrators. A second field trip may occur if all below requirements are met:
    - 1) A parent volunteer wishes to take the lead of planning a second field trip for the entire grade level;
    - 2) The subject is in line with the academic grade level curriculum;
    - 3) All grade level teachers for the proposed field trip approve.
    - 4) Principal approves.
      - Changed order of 3 & 4
  - Planning of the second field trip will be the responsibility of the parent volunteer and must follow ATA guidelines as directed by administration. The following provisions also apply to ALL Field trips:
    - 1) through 9) which is already in the handbook'
  - McCauley moved, Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously

○ **Discussion Items:**

- Science curriculum-update from Dr. Smith
  - Dr. Smith indicated that the Board of Directors voted to keep the current science curriculum. Admin is currently uploading all lesson plans for Grades 3-5 for teacher access. This includes lesson plans, teacher documents, and materials lists. FSAC is still concerned that materials have not been provided. It was decided that FSAC would discuss the progress of uploading lesson plans at the Jan. 28 meeting, and Site Council will follow up at the February 6 meeting to ensure FSAC is satisfied with what has been provided.
  - Murphy moved, McCauley 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.
- Changes to the Handbook- It was discussed at the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> SC meeting that there are some state-mandated changes to the handbook that need to be made. It was reiterated that all changes to the handbook need to be officially voted on at SC even when they are legal issues in order to have a record of all changes. We have not received any proposed changes. What is the status of any needed changes?
  - Dr. Smith will compile a list of changes for the next meeting.
- 7th grade Latin/Spanish- Why is Spanish not being taught in 7th grade? Is there a need for a full year of Latin review? Is there a better use of this academic time? This was discussed at the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 meeting. This item is on the PIN agenda for the upcoming 11-12-19 meeting.
  - The Charter states that Latin will be offered as well as other languages for grades 7-8. Currently 7<sup>th</sup> grade is not using the correct Latin Curriculum. They should be using Primer Book C to expound on Books A&B.
  - Can/should we change the charter to eliminate 7<sup>th</sup> grade Latin and offer only Spanish for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, Or (rather than changing the Charter) offer both Latin and Spanish for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and offer a choice to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. It was pointed out that it is unlikely many students would opt to take Latin, instead choosing Spanish.
  - The agenda of the next PIN meeting is to discuss what parents want to be offered for language in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - Admin agreed to send out a Survey Monkey asking parents which languages they would prefer be offered. Lisa McCauley will send the proposed wording to administration in order to have it sent out.
  - We will follow up on Survey Monkey results and FSAC meeting at the next Site Council meeting.
  - The Board of Directors committee for Academic Excellence will be made aware of current Latin curriculum issues.
- Dress Code- It was recommended by FSAC to remove the 'sleeve band' requirement from the uniform shirt policy due to the fact that retail stores are also removing them. This item is on the PIN agenda for the upcoming 11-12-19 meeting.

○ **Committee Updates:**

- Book Report Book Selection-No report at this time
- Communications-No report at this time
- Community Support and Development-No report at this time
- Curriculum-No Report at this time
- PIN-Meeting minutes attached
- PTO-No report at this time

○ **Adjournment (7:28pm)**

**Next Meetings (if required)**

- FSAC –Tuesday, November 26th@ 3:45 p.m. – Bldg. A Teacher’s Lounge
- Site Council –Thursday, December 5th@ 6:00 p.m. – Bldg. A MPR
- PIN – Tuesday, November 12th@ 6:30 p.m. – Bldg. A MPR