

Adams Traditional Academy Site Council Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2016

ATA Building A – Science Lab

Prepared by Karen Albers

FSAC

K-1: Sally Aaronson

2-3: Jan Rauscher

4-5: Daniel Beckham

6-8: Melissa Furash

Specials: Rebekah McCarthy

Staff: Lanie Rankin

Parent Council

Karen Albers, Chair, PIN

Hillary Hancock, Reading List

Dan Pease, Community Outreach

Cindy Richards, Communications

Sandy Thompson, PTO

Administration

*Kelly Hayes,
Principal*

Absent

*Libby Hammond,
Curriculum*

This meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2016, and due to a conflict was rescheduled to Thursday, September 8, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Site Council Membership & Oath

Dan Pease & Sandy Thompson recited the Parent Member Oath

“I understand, accept and strive to uphold the Adam’s Traditional Academy mission statement, philosophy and charter. I agree to perform my duties as a Site Council member.”

Action Items

- Reviewed Site Council Handbook
- Evaluation Form - Timeless
Reading List Committee – Chair Hillary Hancock
The evaluation criteria includes a “timeless category” which was added in 2011-2012. There are no notes as to the intent of this additional category.
 - Timelessness is not one of Spalding’s attributes of quality literature.
 - This concept has been difficult to define and understand.
 - A single definition does not meet all the needs of 1st through 8th grade.
 - At times it has been interpreted as books that were published years ago, and newer published books were omitted due to recent publishing.
 - Other times the “timeless” category has been overlook for some books on the list as they are published as recent as 2013 and possibly newer.
 - The committee has struggled with this concept over the years and thus has caused inconsistencies in the book lists.

Motion made by Cindy Richards and seconded by Daniel Beckham to remove the timeless criteria from the evaluation form for the Reading Lists books.

Vote: Consensus

- ATA Reading List
For a book to be recommended on the ATA Reading List it has been submitted to the Reading List Committee Chair. There are three reviews for each book and if all three reviews recommend addition to the reading list, the book is submitted to Site Council for approval. The Reading List Committee also makes recommendations on the appropriate grade level reading list.

Second-Third Grade Recommendations

- Pirates
Motion by Dan Pease and seconded by Melissa Furash to add Pirates by Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne to the 2nd and 3rd grade Reading Lists.
Vote: Consensus
- The Bite of the Gold Bug: A Story of the Alaskan Gold Rush
Motion by Dan Pease and seconded by Hillary Hancock to add The Bite of the Gold bug: A Story of the Alaskan Gold Rush by Barthe DeClementst to the 2nd and 3rd grade Reading Lists.
Vote: Consensus
- Ancient Rome and Pompeii
Motion made by Melissa Furash and seconded by Rebekah McCarthy to add Ancient Rom and Pompeii by Mary Pope Osborn and Natalie Pope Boyce to the 2nd and 3rd grade Reading Lists.
Vote: Consensus

Third Grade Recommendation

- Dolphins and Sharks
Motion made by Dan Pease and seconded by Daniel Beckham to add Dolphins and Sharks by Mary Pope Osborn and Natalie Pope Boyce to the 3rd grade Reading List.
Vote: Consensus

Third-Fourth Grade Recommendation

- Will at the Battle of Gettysburg
Motion made by Dan Pease and seconded by Cindy Richards to add Will at the Battle of Gettysburg by Laurie Calkhoven to the 3rd and 4th Reading Lists.
Vote: Consensus

Fourth-Fifth Grade Recommendation

- The Mysterious Benedict Society
Motion made by Dan Pease and seconded by Daniel Beckham to add The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart to the 4th and 5th grade Reading Lists.
Vote: No Consensus / Rejected
This book was rejected for the Reading List because of the length of the book (485 pages). There was concern that students would struggle to write a book report. The Lexile rating did not warrant moving this book to the 6th grade list. Please note this would be a great book for the library.

Fifth-Sixth Grade Recommendation

- George Washington An American Life
Motion made by Melissa Furash and seconded by Dan Pease to add George Washington An American Life written by Laurie Calkhoven to the 5th and 6th Reading Lists.
Vote: Consensus
- PIN Schedule
Thursday meetings have become very full with Board, Finance, Site Council, PIN and PTO meetings all scheduled on Thursday. Mrs. Hayes has a conflict with the Finance and PIN schedule. Recommendation is to move all PIN meetings to Tuesday night.

Motion made by Melissa Furash and seconded by Sandy Thompson to move the PIN meetings for the 2016-2017 school year to the Tuesday designated evening.

Vote: Consensus

PIN 6:30 p.m.	FSAC 3:45 p.m.	SITE 6:30 p.m.
		September 1
September 13	September 22	September 29
October 18 October 20	October 25	November 3
November 15	November 17	December 1
January 24	January 26	February 2
February 21 February 16	February 23	March 2
March 14	March 30	April 6
April 18 April 20	April 27	May 4

Discussion Items

- Spirit Shirt Policy
Next Steps: It was decided that Site Council members will observe Friday spirit wear and reconvene in two months on this subject to address any concerns and to better clarify the policy.

- Reading List Committee
 Hillary Hancock, Reading List Committee Chair, is working with Mrs. Schorer regarding the Reading List and its relationship with Book Reports. Concerns regarding the Reading List and/or committee include:
 - Committee & List Name
 The committee was originally called the Library Committee but was changed to Reading List Committee after the addition of the ATA Library. Reporting of the committee name is not always consistent. Sometimes it is reported as Reading List and Book Report List Committee.
Next Steps: Committee will work on renaming group and submit an action item at the next Site Council meeting.

 - Book - Number of Pages on Reading List
 Hillary Hancock asked Site Council if the Reading List should be updated with number of pages for each book. Site Council felt that this would be difficult to be accurate and keep up-to-date as books are published by different publishers and the page number could change due to book size, font, font size, etc.
Next Steps: No further action required.

 - Teachers' Review of Reading List
 Hillary Hancock asked the teachers to consult with the teachers they represent, and ask if they feel their Grade Level Reading List needs more books and what types.
Next Steps: Teacher report back to Hillary Hancock on their teacher's Reading Lists requests.

- **Book Requests**
The Reading List Committee has many book requests from families. Some of the requests are from families no longer at ATA.
Next Steps: It was decided that the Reading List Committee should focus on requests from current ATA families.
- **Lexile History**
Hillary Hancock inquired as to the reason why the Lexile ratings were added to the Reading List. FSAC Teachers requested this information at a Site Council meeting last year.
- **Reading List / Book Reports**
It was asked if students could read a book from an higher grade reading list for their book reports? This information is not addressed in the Parent/Student Handbook.
Next Steps: It will be decided during the review of the Book Report forms.

- **Emergency Items** – No items at this time.
- **Committee Report**
At the next meeting, committee chairs will give a report for their committee. The report will be included in the Agenda document.
- **Minutes Approval Process**
Within the next week, the minutes will be distributed to the Site Council members. Please read and review the minutes. If you have any concerns, please notify Karen Albers. Minutes will be officially approved and voted on at the next Site Council meeting.
- **Next meetings (if required):**
 - PIN Tuesday, September 13, 2016
 - FSAC..... Thursday, September 22, 2016
 - Site Council Thursday, September 29, 2016
- **Adjournment @ 8:06 p.m.**