

Adams Traditional Academy Site Council Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 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*

Libby Hammond, *Curriculum*

Hillary Hancock, *Reading List*

Dan Pease, *Community Outreach*

Cindy Richards, *Communications*

Sandy Thompson, *PTO*

Administration

Kelly Hayes,

Principal

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**
- **Emergency Items:** No emergency items to discuss.
- **Action Items:**
 - **Approval of Minutes**

Site Council Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2016 Meeting
Motion made by Cindy Richards and seconded by Daniel Beckham to approve Meeting Minutes.
Vote: Consensus
 - **APEX Program Criteria for Student Selection**

This issue was discussed at the PIN Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 and at the FSAC Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016.
The APEX Program criteria for student selection will use at least two pieces of data with one required to be a standardized test.

Motion made by Cindy Richards and seconded by Daniel Beckham to specify the APEX Program criteria for student selection.
Vote: Consensus
 - **Dress Code Policies**

These policies were discussed at the PIN Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2016 and at the FSAC Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

 - **Dress Code – Make-Up**

Current policy pertaining to make-up:
Page 14 – L. Hair, Make-Up, Jewelry
Girls are permitted:
4) Clear (no tint) chapstick or lip gloss
Girls are not permitted:
2) Make-up

Proposed Change Pertaining to Make-Up:

Girls are permitted:

- Clear (non tint) lip balm or lip gloss
- Middle school girls (7th & 8th grade) are permitted to wear light make-up which includes a natural looking foundation, natural looking concealer, brown or black mascara, a natural/light color lip balm or lip gloss. Light color lip balm/lip gloss is referring to light pink or light beige only.

Girls are not permitted to wear:

- blush
- eye-shadow
- eye-liner
- other colors of mascara
- lip stick
- rich color lip balm/lip gloss

Motion made by Hillary Hancock and seconded by Rebekah McCarthy to change the ATA Dress Code regarding make-up.

Vote: Consensus

○ **Dress Code – Nail Polish**

Current policy pertaining to nail polish:

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Girls are permitted:

3) Clear nail polish.

Girls are not permitted:

2) False nails.

Proposed Change Pertaining to Nails:

Girls are permitted:

- Clear nail polish.
- Nails must be maintained at a conservative length.
- Middle school girls (7th & 8th grade) are permitted to wear natural looking nail polish solid colors such as shades of light pink, light beige, or a French manicure with the white tips only.

Girls are not permitted:

- Embellishments attached to the nail such as glitter, gems, stones, designs, or decals/stickers.
- Nail polishes color even if they are a light shade of that color, such as red, burgundy, orange, yellow, blue, green, purple, black, etc.
- Acrylic nails.

Motion made by Cindy Richards and seconded by Daniel Beckham to change the ATA Dress Code regarding nail polish.

Vote: Consensus

○ **Dress Code – Socks**

Current policy pertaining to socks:

Page 13 – K. Shoes and Socks

- 2) Approved Solid Colors
 - b) Socks – White, navy blue, red, khaki, or black. However, a reasonably sized single logo is allowed.

Proposed Changes Pertaining to Socks:

- 2) Approved Solid Colors
 - b) Socks – White, navy blue, red, khaki, **gray** or black. Socks may contain reasonably sized logos or branding that does not distract from the overall solid color of the sock.

Motion made by Melissa Furash and seconded by Dan Pease to change the ATA Dress Code regarding socks.

Vote: Consensus

- Reading List Committee New Name
Approve the new Book Report Book Selection Committee name for the previously named Reading List Committee.

Motion made by Rebekah McCarthy and seconded by Sandy Thompson to change the committee name.

Vote: Consensus

- Book Report Book Selection (*formerly Reading List*) Committee Recommendations
First & Second Grade Reading List

- “Tikki Tikki Tembo” by Arlene Mosel

Motion made by Sally Aaronson and seconded by Hillary Hancock to add “Tikki Tikki Tembo” to the Reading List.

Vote: No Consensus

Motion made by Melissa Furash and seconded by Sally Aaronson to table “Tikki Tikki Tembo” for further research of the book.

Vote: Consensus

Second Grade Reading List

- “Molly’s Pilgrim” by Barbara Cohen
This book is being used in the Second grade as Curriculum. If it is approved, it can be added to the Reading List and then noted as a curriculum book.

Motion made by Libby Hammond and seconded by Rebekah McCarthy to add “Molly’s Pilgrim” to the Reading List.

Vote: Consensus

Fourth-Sixth Grade Reading List

- “Michael at the Invasion of France” by Laurie Calkhoven
Motion made by Rebekah McCarthy and seconded by Daniel Beckham to add “Michael at the Invasion of France” to the Reading List.
Vote: Consensus

- “Daniel at the Siege of Boston” by Laurie Calkhoven
Motion made by Libby Hammond and seconded by Sandy Thompson to add “Daniel at the Siege of Boston” to the Reading List.
Vote: Consensus

Giver by Lois Lowry

This book was included on the agenda as a Discussion Item. The book appeared to be approved for the reading list, yet there were indications that the process had run into some challenges and the book was never added to the list. Site Council members discussed the book and there were concerns regarding some of the topics within the book. If this book was used by a student for a book report, it would possibly require parent intervention. In addition, if the book was on the approved reading list, a teacher may use this book as a read-a-loud class book.

Motion made by Melissa Furash and seconded by Cindy Richards to not include the Giver by on any ATA reading list based on the concerns listed above.
Vote: Consensus

○ **Discussion Items:**

- Book Reports in 1st Grade through 3rd Grade, the students must select a Narrative, Informative and an Informative Narrative.
Mrs. Hay recommended that the ATA Website Reading List page include a description of these types of books to aid students and parents in their book report selection.
- Reading List by Grade Level
Recommended that the Book Report Book Selection Committee, survey teachers on what types of books are missing from their grade level reading list.
- 2015-2016 Undesignated Funds
Approve that the principal can use undesignated funds left over from the previous school year at her discretion.

This action is no longer an annual action by Site Council as noted below by Lisa Fink, Choice Academies, Inc. Board President.

Per legal advice, charter schools abide by Title 15 Section 8. Therefore, Chapter 3 of Title 15 does not apply to charter schools which includes the establishment of site councils. In the charter application of Choice Academies, a site council was established to ensure parental participation. However, all financial responsibility was placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. Thus the previous practice of having the site council vote on the distribution of tax credits was not in alignment with the charter. The confusion occurred because of the misunderstanding of the establishment of site councils in state statute (which applies only to district schools) versus the establishment

of Choice's site council per charter. Therefore, ARS 43-1089.01 does not apply to our site council and its duties.

*Lisa Fink, Board President
Choice Academies, Inc.*

○ **Committee Update**

Please see the attached Committee Reports following the Agenda.

● **PTO – Additional Comments**

The ATA Fun Run will run from December 5th through the 16, with the event on December 16th. Please encourage everyone to support the Fun Run.

○ **Next meetings (if required):**

- PIN Tuesday, November 15, 2016
- FSAC..... Thursday, November 17, 2016
- Committee Chair Deadline..... Monday, November 28, 2016
Agenda Action Items & Committee Reports Early Monday Morning
- Site Council Thursday, December 1, 2016

- PIN Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- FSAC..... Thursday, January 26, 2017
- Committee Chair Deadline..... Monday, January 30, 2017
Agenda Action Items & Committee Reports Early Monday Morning
- Site Council Thursday, February 2, 2017

○ **Adjournment 8:12 p.m.**