

Adams Traditional Academy Site Council Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2017

ATA Building A – Room 212
Scheduled 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Prepared by Karen Albers

FSAC

K-1: Sally Aaronson
2-3: Jan Rauscher
4-5: Daniel Beckham
6-8: Melissa Furash
Staff: Lanie Rankin

Parent Council

Karen Albers, *Chair, PIN*
Hillary Hancock, *Book Report Book Selection*
Cindy Richards, *Communications*

Administration

Kelly Hayes, *Principal*

Absent

Specials: Rebekah McCarthy
Libby Hammond, *Curriculum*
Dan Pease, *Community Support and Development*
Sandy Thompson, *PTO*

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m.

○ **Pledge of Allegiance**

○ **Roll Call**

Please note Ms. Aaronson arrived a little bit later and began voting when she was present to hear the entire discussion.

○ **Emergency Items:** No emergency items to discuss.

○ **Action Items:**

● **Approval of Minutes**

Site Council Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2016 Meeting

Motion made by Hillary Hancock and seconded by Daniel Beckham to approve Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Consensus

● **Book Report Book Selection Committee Recommendations for Approval**

○ 3rd Grade List Recommendation

Motion made by Cindy Richards and seconded by Daniel Beckham to approve the recommendation of “Abraham Lincoln” by Mary Pope Osborne for the 3rd grade list.

Vote: Consensus

○ 4th / 5th Grade List Recommendation

Motion made by Melissa Furash and seconded by Jan Rauscher to approve the recommendation of “Bats - Magic School Bus Fact Finder” by Kris Hirschmann for the 4th and 5th grade list.

Vote: Consensus

○ 6th / 7th Grade List Recommendation

1. “The Boy on the Wooden Box” by-Leon Leyson

Motion made by Jan Rauscher and seconded by Daniel Beckham to approve

the recommendation of “The Boy on the Wooden Box” by Leon Leyson for the 6th and 7th grade list.

Vote: Consensus

2. “Shadow” by Michael Morpurgo

Motion made by Lainie Rankin and seconded by Melissa Furash to approve the recommendation of “Shadow” by Michael Morpurgo for the 6th and 7th grade list.

Discussion Notes: While the book was very interesting and related to current events, it had only a 4th grade lexile rating with mature content. It was considered not appropriate for 4th grade due to the mature content and not appropriate for 6th and 7th grade due to the low lexile rating.

Vote: Not Approved / Consensus

- Removal of Books from List

Throughout the discussion of each motion, ATA teachers recommended removal from the reading list due to the challenges of writing a book report. Each book or many books within the set are a series of short stories that are very few pages. When students have used these books, they have had to concentrate on one story within the book which is minimal pages to read.

- Nancy Drew Mysteries - 3rd -5th Grade Lists

Motion made by Hillary Hancock and seconded by Cindy Richards to approve the removal of the “Nancy Drew Mysteries” set from the 3rd through 5th grade lists.

Vote: Consensus

- D'Auliere's Book of Greek Myths - 4th Grade List

Motion made by Daniel Beckham and seconded by Hillary Hancock to approve the removal of “D’Auliere’s Book of Greek Myths” from the 4th grade list.

Vote: Consensus

- Just So Stories - 4th-5th Grade Lists

Motion made by Daniel Beckham and seconded by Jan Rauscher to approve the removal of “Just So Stories” from the 4th and 5th grade lists.

Vote: Consensus

- Frog and Toad Series - 1st -2nd Grade Lists

Motion made by Jan Rauscher and seconded by Cindy Richards to approve the removal of the “Frog and Toad” series from the 1st and 2nd grade lists.

Vote: Consensus

- **Discussion Items:**

- Book Report Book Selection Committee

Page requirements for books on the list.

It was discussed that it would be very difficult to put a page requirement on books with so many factors involved in a book including grade level, publisher, quality of content, etc. It was determined that if the BRBS Committee thought a recommended book might have an issue with the number of pages, the Committee Chair will bring the book to Site Council for feedback before having parents review the book.

- **Site Council – PTO Representation (Past Voting Records)**

On September 12, 2013, Site Council approved Article V, Section 4 as noted below, but then in May 2014, Site Council discussed this issue and made the comments below.

Site Council Meeting – September 12, 2013

Article V – Meetings / Section 4. Site Council

PTO will elect one officer to represent PTO at the site council meetings for a period of 12 months.

Site Council Meeting – May 27, 2014

This issue was addressed by Site Council as a Discussion Item, and the following question was included.

2. PTO would like to be represented on Site Council by any PTO Council member, not specifically the chairperson. Site Council Bylaws imply that all Site Council parent members must chair a committee, and PTO is one of those. Should this be changed?

Meeting Minutes documented the discussion and decision of Site Council:

2. The PTO Chair is the person to attend PIN and Site Council. This person represents the PTO to the parents both in discussions at PIN and votes in Site Council. The Site Council as a whole agreed to keep this practice.

In further researching this issue, the school charters states:

President of the Parent Teacher Organization must be a parent and will serve on the Site Council.

Site Council must follow the School Charter and it's amendments. At this time, we understand the only Site Council Representative from PTO is the PTO Council Chair (formerly called President).

The last version of the PTO Bylaws approved by Site Council was September 12, 2013. The current version of Bylaws posted on the ATA website is dated January 2014, but should actually have a version date of September 12, 2013.

- **Committee Update**

Please see the attached Committee Reports following the Agenda.

Committee Report – Book Report Book Selection Committee – Hillary Hancock

In addition to the Committee Report included with the agenda, the committee is also

- Researching the status of book adaptations and if any are on the grade lists.
- Updating review forms to eliminate the “timeless” component discussed in past meetings.

○ **Next meetings (if required):**

February/March

- PIN Tuesday, February 21, 2017
- FSAC..... Thursday, February 23, 2017
- Committee Chair Deadline..... Monday, February 27, 2017
Agenda Action Items & Committee Reports *Early Monday Morning*
- Site Council Thursday, March 2 , 2017

March/April

- PIN Tuesday, March 14, 2017
- FSAC..... Thursday, March 30, 2017
- Committee Chair Deadline..... Monday, April 3, 2017
Agenda Action Items & Committee Reports *Early Monday Morning*
- Site Council Thursday, April 6, 2017

○ **Adjournment 4:30 p.m.**