

Adams Traditional Academy

Site Council Minutes

Pending Approval

Thursday, November 1, 2018 6:00 p.m.

ATA Building A – Science Lab

○ **Call to Order – 6:03 p.m.**

○ **Pledge of Allegiance**

○ **Roll Call**

Ben Levandoski, Teacher 6-8

Jonathan Seeliger Teacher 4-5

Katherine Lusson, Teacher 2-3

Kayla Englehart, Teacher K-1

Lacie Hoag, Teacher Specials **Absent**

Lainie Rainkin, Staff **Absent**

Hillary Hancock, Parent

Lisa McCauley, Parent

April Gould, Parent

Christie Murphy, Parent **Absent**

Open, Parent

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Dr. Stacy Oates, Principal

Mr. Aaron Daniels (ATA Teacher) was in attendance

Amber Malloy (ATA Parent) was in attendance and arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Suzanne Van Wagoner (ATA Parent) was in attendance and arrived at 6:24 p.m.

Dr. Stacy Oates arrived at 6:30 p.m.

○ **Action Items:**

- Approval of Minutes – Site Council Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2018 Meeting

Lisa McCauley moved to approve the Minutes from the September 6th Meeting. Jonathan Seeliger seconded.

Vote: Consensus

- Site Council Bylaws (Section 2a) to be amended to state, "Regular monthly meetings will be held on the **first** Thursday of each month, September through May or as needed by site council approval."

Ben Levandoski moved to approve the Amendment to the Bylaws to state, "Regular monthly meetings will be held on the First Thursday of each month, September through May or as needed by site council approval."

Katherine Lusson seconded.

Vote: Consensus

- Curriculum Committee

- Recommends approval of the book Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour Reit. Committee reviews are attached.

Katherine Lusson moved to approve the book Behind Rebel Lines for curriculum use. Jonathan Seeliger seconded.

Vote: Consensus

○ **Urgent Items:** None

○ **Discussion Items:**

- Curriculum Committee

- Clarification on the process for getting curriculum approved

Ben Levandoski inquired as to the process of getting curriculum changes approved. April Gould discussed the process. Supplementing and replacing current curriculum seems to be an easier process than revamping. Teachers are allowed to be a member of the Curriculum Committee.

- Tardy Policy/Reporting of Absence (Handbook page Section 11. Attendance)
 - Tardy Policy: The issue is how late in the day do parents have to report an absence before it turns into an unexcused absence. Handbook states "Parents are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 a.m. on the first day of the absence or tardy." It was proposed to change the word "asked" to "expected." It was also proposed to add "failure to do so will result in the absences being marked unexcused."
 - "To report an absence, ATA requires parents to call or report online to the attendance office *on each day of the absence*. Planned absences should be reported to the attendance office prior to the first day of absence." It was proposed to move these 2 lines from the handbook up to the paragraph above it.

After discussion regarding the proposed changes to the Tardy Policy in the Handbook made by FSAC, it was determined that this topic now needs to be entertained at the next PIN Meeting. A PIN Meeting will be scheduled within the month, possibly November 15th, and this topic will be added to the agenda.

- Communication Committee
 - Follow-up on FSAC feedback concerning what needs teachers have that volunteers can fill.

FSAC will need to discuss this topic at the next FSAC meeting and the topic should be brought up at the next PIN Meeting as well.

- PIN
 - Do parents understand what PIN is and how to submit topics?
 - Should we be having a monthly PIN meeting to share information if there are no issues to discuss?

Discussions included how to submit topics for PIN by emailing Site Council Chair, Hillary Hancock, as no one is currently holding the PIN Chair position. Monthly PIN Meetings should be held whether discussion items are presented or not. Meeting time can be filled with question and answers, or a Parent University type event whereby parents can be educated on the school's curriculum.

- **Committee Updates:**
 - Book Report Book Selection-Teacher Docs should have been updated with current book lists. ATA website was updated with current list for 5th grade.

Hillary Hancock stated that the website and Teacher Docs should have all current book lists with type of book included. Website still missing most up to date reading list for 5th grade.

- Communications-No report at this time
- Community Support and Development-No report at this time
- Curriculum- Researching a system that is to be used as a supplement for those children who may suffer from dyslexia. It is called Davis Learning Strategies.
- PIN-No PIN meetings yet this year
- PTO- Report for the October, 2 2018 PTO Council meeting is attached.

PTO Parent representative Christie Murphy was not in attendance but PTO meeting minutes were received by Site Council members.

- **Adjournment – 7:07 p.m.**