

# Adams Traditional Academy Site Council Minutes Approved

Thursday, March,14, 2019

ATA Building A – Science Lab

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○ **Call to Order - 3:48pm**

○ **Pledge of Allegiance**

○ **Roll Call**

Ben Levandoski, Teacher 6-8  
Jonathan, Seeliger Teacher 4-5-**Absent**  
Katherine Luson, Teacher 2-3-**Absent**  
Kayla Englehart, Teacher K-1  
Lacie Hutton, Teacher Specials-**Absent**  
Lainie Rankin, Staff  
Dr. Stacy Oates, Principal-**Absent**

Hillary Hancock, Parent  
Lisa McCauley, Parent  
April Gould, Parent  
Christie Murphy, Parent  
Suzanne Van Wagner, Parent  
Open, Parent

○ **Emergency Items:** None

○ **Action Items:**

- Approval of Minutes  
Site Council Meeting Minutes for 2-7-19

**Suzanne Van Wagoner moved to approve the minutes. Lanie Rankin seconded.  
Vote: Consensus**

○ **Discussion Items:**

- There are proposed changes to the site councils. We would like to receive feedback that current site council members may have. The proposed changes are:
  - To combine the two site councils into one,
  - Increase staff numbers to 8 with 2 from high school,
  - Increase parent council to 8 with two representatives from PTO.

**Discussions took place in regard to the proposed change to unite ATA Site Council and Jefferson Preparatory Site Council. We considered the pros and cons of merging the councils. During our discussions we could think of only one pro to uniting the councils: doing so would provide a forum in which to discuss school-wide issues. Though joining councils may look on the outside like unification it would in fact be divisive. The council prepared a list of cons:**

- 1. The purpose of site council is to give stakeholders a voice in any changes or additions to the handbook. There are separate handbooks for separate schools, thus the site councils should be separate.**
- 2. JP is not moving to the ATA campus because it is broken and needs to be fixed. If both schools are functioning well on their own why make a change? ATB operates**

**successfully and completely separately on the same campus as ATA already. Why would JP be any different?**

**3. There is already a lot of change happening with JP joining ATA on this campus. This would be one more change that is probably not necessary. At very least this merger of site councils should be tabled for one year. This delay would allow passions to dissipate. This would also give us a sense of what issues exist so that we can create a new council which best reflects the needs of Choice Academies.**

**4. Meetings would take longer as there would be sometimes double the discussion/action items. The site council is already expected to attend nine meetings a year that are typically at least an hour long. This is at least 9 hours of meetings. If these meetings are twice as long, we are expecting our volunteers and most importantly our teachers to attend 18 or more hours of meetings per school year. This is excessive.**

**5. This is a question of expertise. Administrators, teachers, and parents of lower grades are not familiar with the very different issues that concerns upper grades. For example, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher may not be a good representative as to what a 10th grader may need. It is in the best interest for ATA to have stakeholders who are familiar with ATA level concerns to vote on these concerns, and vice versa for JP.**

**6. If there was a single site council, the decisions could be seen as biased toward ATA because there are more voting members (teachers/parents) representing ATA as opposed to Jefferson. This could lead to conflict.**

**Since we are now sharing the same campus, some decisions will require input from both schools. We discussed two possible options: 1) school wide issues could be discussed during an “Emergency Site Council Meeting,” where both site councils could join together to discuss these types of issues as needed. 2) each council could have a “campus liaison” who sits on their Site council and also attends the meetings of the other council in an advisory capacity.**

○ **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-PIN meeting this evening at 6:30
- PTO-No report at this time

○ **Adjournment – 4:48pm**

**Next Meetings (if required)**

- FSAC – Thursday, April 18, 2019 @ 3:45 p.m. – Bldg. A Teacher’s Lounge
- Site Council – Thursday, April 4, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. – Bldg. A Science Lab
- PIN – Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. – Bldg. B MPR