## APPLEGATE SCHOOL THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Applegate Site Council Minutes 2/29/16**

- I. Old Business: Updates
  - A. Professional Learning Teams (PLT) Update, Discussion
    - PBIS Update- PBIS Team PLT consists of teachers, classified, parents and parents. This is a teacher-led initiative to enliven and restart PBIS in our building. The PBIS PLT met in February to discuss the present state of affairs at Applegate: what is going well, and what is not going well.
    - 2. Teacher observing teachers in March: Applegate teachers will observe each other teach in March as part of their continual improvement in teacher. Such "learning walks: were previously discussed by Site Council. The Walks will allow teachers to see their colleagues in action for the first time. Research is clear: teachers who observe other teachers, and then discuss their observations with each other, are more effective in reflecting upon their own practice and more capable of making changes for improvement.
  - B. Semester II Electives Update- Electives are going well choir is in its second semester and upcoming performance dates in April and May have the students on pins and needles. The Leadership class has grown to 19 students; plans are being made for service learning projects in the community as well as school improvements such as the ongoing recycling program.
  - C. New Schedule Update- Our new schedule allows for more time for instruction from teachers in ELA and Math. No more blended classes for these subjects, so students receiving instruction at their own grade level and getting a stronger foundation achievement data so far indicate. Teachers are working hard in providing our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade with a solid foundation for high school.

## II. New business

- A. Staffing Updates
  - 1. New Hire in office-Tracey Jacobs has been promoted from within. Tracey will start 3/2/16.
  - 2. Interview for Education Assistant/Computer Lab will begin 3/1/16
- B. Input Needed: PBIS Teacher Led Initiative
  - 1. The PBIS team came back with useful, positive information.

    The first step will be to meet with staff to make a behavior

- matrix. Every aspect of school will be encompassed in the behavior matrix and the matrix will be posted. The PBIS team will be talking with staff during the next staff meeting on 3/2/16.
- 2. Site council members provided input regarding the parent side of PBIS, suggesting that videos of appropriate behavior be posted on the website, and that all PBIS celebrations be advertised on the website, the schools Twitter page (Search on Twitter: Applegate School! @App\_gateCougars)
- 3. Other suggestions for parents: PBIS@Home A written exercise tied to a positive behavior video through which students and parents can discuss behavior at school, in a school context! Great idea Site Council!
- C. Science Night at Applegate- will be Tuesday March 8, 5:30pm-6:30pm.
- D. Kinder Launch is Wednesday, March. 3, 6-7:30 pm.