

Cordova Jr./Sr. High School and Mt. Eccles Elementary
Joint Site Council Meeting
Tuesday – Jan. 8, 2019
5:00 p.m. – Mt. Eccles Library

AGENDA

The Cordova Jr./Sr. High School Site Council and Mt. Eccles Elementary Site Council are groups of interested parents, community members, staff, students and administrators that meet monthly to discuss issues of common concern surrounding their schools..

The Site Councils function as advisory groups that may make recommendations to the administration and the Board of Education.

5:00 Review of Goals and Goal Progress

2018-19 Goals for Cordova Jr/Sr High School

- 1) Successful implementation of A-day/B-day Schedule
- 2) Cultivation of Advisory to promote SEL and positive school climate
- 3) New Quarterly Student Awards
- 4) College Board Suite of assessments/ACT to measure student growth and inform instruction

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4.3 – School staff communicate school-wide behavior expectations that are understood and achieved by students, and staff provide positive behavioral supports.

4.7 – School staff communicate effectively with parents about learning expectations, student progress, and reinforcing learning at home; staff implements effective strategies to increase parent engagement.

5:30 Tell Me Something Good: Sharing our Successes

6:00 Adjourn

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm. Present were Sheryl Glasen (parent and school board), Kristie Beckett (parent), Denise Hamberger (parent and PTA board), Laura Hanson (parent and teacher), Sarah Phillips (parent), Wendy Ranney (parent), Micki Dunn (school counselor), Tammy Altermott (parent and school board), Kate Williams (jr/sr high principal), and Gayle Groff (elementary principal).

2018-19 Goals for Cordova Jr/Sr High School

- 1) Successful implementation of A-day/B-day Schedule – We have one semester successfully completed! Some courses were only one semester long, so some scheduling changes have been made, including a few new courses. We'll be getting feedback from teachers and students in order to improve this program for next year.
- 2) Cultivation of Advisory to promote SEL and positive school climate – There is a 45-minute period included in Wednesday's schedule for advisory meetings. Students are divided up into small groups of mixed ages, and they are building relationships through some of the activities with advisory groups, many of which are social-emotional in nature.
- 3) New Quarterly Student Awards – This year we are giving 5 Wolverine Core Value awards each quarter: Spirit, Passion, Accountability, Commitment, and Respect. We still have student of the quarter awards, one for junior high and one for senior high. The students of the quarter exhibit all five core values. Teachers submit thoughtful nominations for the core value awards, which appear in the award presentations.
- 4) College Board Suite of assessments/ACT to measure student growth and inform instruction – The school is now paying for PSAT registrations for 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. This has increased participation greatly. The next step is to incorporate results into targeting instruction in the classrooms. Professional development resources are being researched to offer to teachers.

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Mt. Eccles goals have been driven by our designation from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development as a school needing targeted support. Our subgroup of Students with Disabilities did not meet the state's cut score on the 2018 PEAKS test, so we have decided to focus on solidifying a system to provide support to students that need it under the RtI (Response to Intervention) model. Last January and again this month, several staff members have attended/will attend the state's RtI conference in Anchorage. Following that conference, we'll be bringing in a presenter to help our staff create an RtI framework for Mt. Eccles. The state offered us a \$10,000 grant to help make this happen.

Tell Me Something Good

This is an activity that we have been using in staff meetings this year. So many times, we tend to focus on the problems, and this activity allows us to reflect on the great things that are happening in our schools. Here are some of the things that were mentioned by the attendees of the joint site-based council meeting:

- School spirit at CHS is up, up, up
- Some students have really connected with the Wednesday course offerings – going outside, learning Japanese, taking art for the first time, for example
- A sub had a pleasant experience with a well-trained classroom in the jr high
- A student has been benefiting from using the live online tutor on the school district website
- Mt. Eccles has a positive and comfortable atmosphere that puts students and parents at ease; the front office folks are an extension of the family
- Leadership in both schools is figuring out how to say yes to student ideas, which is empowering the kids

There was a reminder about the strategic planning activity this Thursday evening and encouragement to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm. The next CHS meeting will be on February 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm in CHS Room 2. The next Mt. Eccles meeting will be on February 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Mt. Eccles Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Groff and Kate Williams