

# APPLEGATE SCHOOL THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Applegate Site Council Minutes 12/08/2015

Members Present: Jim Scull, Vicki Distefano, Sadie Emmons, Darrell Erb  
Members Absent: Casey Embury

### **Old Business:**

A. Increasing communication with parents and community: Reader Board purchase ranges from 250-450.

The Site Council supports the purchase of a reader board to be placed outside the main office. This reader board will provide information to parents and community members about the goings on at Applegate. Prices range from 250-450, depending upon the size of the letters, length of the board, and materials used to construct the board. In this case, a weather-proof board will be needed. The Site Council asked Mr. Erb to proceed with further research on the best board for the buck, and to make the purchase using Fund 150 monies.

### B. Committees and Professional Learning Teams

The Professional Development Committee met recently and have created a list of great ideas for training, and also approved a plan for using these Fridays in a way most beneficial to Applegate's teaching and support staff.

The plan is to set a rotation for two days of planning/one day of Professional Learning Team-Data Team work, and one day, for the near term, to be dedicated to developing our PBIS Program from the ground up, thus developing our staff's knowledge, skills, and ability to implement and maintain a quality program.

### C. December Goings On:

It's a short month, and we have one major event happening: The annual Winter Holiday Program will be held WED. Dec. 16 at 7 pm. Michelle Stone, middle school teacher, has taken the reigns and is directing a dynamic and entertaining musical show that should please all comers!

Other December Happenings:

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- Art n' Nature will offer lavender bouquets for sale during December for \$3
- The Applegate Library Book Fair will be held December 14-18
- The December Holiday Meal will be held Wed. Dec. 16 – family members are encouraged to join their students for this traditional meal
- Professional Development Fridays will be held Fridays Dec. 4, 11 & 18

Follow up: The Winter Holiday show was one which exceeded expectations - some of the Applegate “old timers” intimated to Mr. Erb that it was the best show they'd seen here. Given the years some of these folks have put in, that is a wonderful compliment, and congratulations go to all of our kids K-8 and Ms. Stone for putting on such a good show. Thanks go to all the staff members who supported Ms. Stone's efforts in getting this show to the level at which it proved to be!

#### D. Cafe' Communication

The site council supports the idea of broadcasting images of students and announcements via the projector and screen system presently in place in the cafeteria. The idea is to capture fun images and students learning and doing and having fun to increase the number of positive messages students are seeing and hearing in school, and celebrating their accomplishments as well.

Mr. Scull indicated he would make sure this system is in working order and we will start this program up in January.

#### E. New Middle School Schedule: Support at the Core!

The new middle school schedule will increase math time in two of three grades 6-8; now, each grade level will enjoy 200 minutes per week of direct instruction and an additional 120 minutes per week of math focus time for a whopping 320 minutes per week in math. Add to this intervention time at up to 30 minutes each day, with additional help available during elective time as well, and we believe we are offering our students every opportunity to be successful in this important subject. Students also will get the same supports for English Language Arts.

#### **New Business:**

##### A. Learning Environment Evidence Collection Array and Learning Walks

Mr. Holmes brought our district an evidence collection tool which helps classroom observers record observable actions on the part of teachers and students, actions which indicate that great teaching is going on in that room.



In a recent professional develop, teachers from Applegate reviewed the Array, then watched a 15-minute teaching video. After watching the video, the teachers spent a few minutes reviewing the array of observables, and the discussed those actions they witnessed on the video.

These discussions tend to focus on what great teaching and learning looks like, and helps teachers reflect meaningfully on their own practices. The site council indicated their support for future trainings using the array, and also supports plans for getting teachers into other teachers' classrooms to conduct observations for the same purpose: to identify what great teaching and learning looks like, to reflect on their own practice, and ultimately, to incorporate these great practices in their own classrooms.

#### B. Design Grant Team

Mr. Erb informed the site council about the Design Grant team and what has transpired at those meetings over the past two months. The site council was pleased that member Vicki Distefano as well as Mr. Erb was a part of this team. Ms. Distefano described the process as "...the most collaborative she's ever been involved with." At the end, the goal is to design a grant for up to 1.2 million to develop a new way of going about schooling in TRSD.

The challenge to the group is to think "outside the box" to find ways to develop meaningful professional development, alternative career pathways for teachers through which their leadership talent and knowledge and skills can be utilized to benefit our students,

