

Applegate Site Council Agenda and Minutes
9/28/2015

Members present:

Teachers: Debbie Yerby, Vicki Distefano

Parents: Casey Embury, Sadie Emmons

Members absent:

Classified: Melisa Smock

I. Welcomes and Introductions

II. Board Goals Overview

Site council members reviewed the Board Goals and the various actions and plans communicated from area Principals under each of them. There was agreement that the site council supports each of the items put forth for Applegate.

III. Our Applegate School Program: High Flyover

Mr. Erb give an overview for each of the areas under III. A -E.

- A. K-5 - for elementary Applegate shares the district wide emphasis for reading and math while maintaining balance for other subjects such as Social Studies, Science, and PE. There is an increased emphasis on Accelerated Reader this year, and as the year progresses our AR program will offer awards and incentives to students who read beyond the classroom.*
- B. Academics 6-8 - Applegate has two new teachers for the middle school; Ms. Jill teaches Math and Social Studies, and Ms. Stone teaches English Language Arts and Science. Both have had a positive impact on our school already, implementing a Monday AM assembly to build positive school climate and recognize students whose behavior has been good.
The middle school will be conducting a field study of the natural history and environment of the Applegate River. The site council was unanimously in support of more opportunities for our students to learn not only in the classroom but experientially as well.*
- C. Extra-curricular - Applegate offers girls volleyball, boys basketball, and girls basketball. Our teams participate in the Southern Oregon Middle School Athletic Conference.*

- D. *Co-curricular - Applegate offers additional opportunities to our students including Robotics team, Garden Club, Art 'n Nature, Leadership, National Junior Honor Society, and Strings (guitar and violin), SMART*
- E. *Community Events - Applegate has a thriving relationship with our community, including Back to School Night, Harvest Festival, Movie Night, Jog-a-thon, PTSG Coin Drive, Ghost Walk Parade, Winter Program, Open House and Spring Concert*

IV. Current Events/Highlights Discussed at Meeting:

- *Volleyball team is undefeated. Coaches Heather Devoss and Sandra Garoutte have done an amazing job of coaching up our Applegate players. Off season work has been the difference, and working closely with the HVHS program's coaches has also been instrumental. These two coaches are the kind of people we want working with our youth!*
- *Back to School Night was very well attended; just several parents were able to get ice cream at the end, as there were so many students present! Parents cruised through classrooms, talked with teachers, played on the playground equipment -- as the saying goes, a good time was had by all.*
- *Harvest Festival is the next big event at the Applegate Gymnasium - Friday, Oct. 30 starting at 6 pm.*

V. Role of Site Council

*Mr. Erb provided a handout detailing the various roles site councils may play in a school. He stated that he envisions a site council which becomes a robust decision-maker for our school, one which gains community recognition as **the** place to go to present new ideas and challenges to Applegate School. Mr. Erb asked the members to read the handout carefully in preparation for the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, OCT. 20 at 2:55 pm in the Applegate office.*

VI. Connecting SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/SITE COUNCIL/Development and Implementation of the School Program

(tabled for next meeting)

VII. Other Items

(tabled for next meeting)

IX. Adjourn: 3:45 pm.