

J. C. Solmonese Site Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2011 March 09 - Wednesday

Time: 6:30pm

Location: JCS Room 165

Attendees:

Faculty	Parents
Mrs. Riitta Bolton, Principal, Committee Chair	Paula D'Ercole
Marcia Kennedy, Grade 1	Leeann LeClaire
Jen O'Neill, Grade 2	Mark Powers
	Gia Sunderland
Laverne Marks	Community Representative

Meeting Called to Order at 6:32pm

Documents Distributed by Mrs. Bolton:

- Agenda
- Minutes of February 9th meeting
- "Themes" from District Improvement Plan

1. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1.1. Motion to accept minutes of February 9th meeting made, seconded, approved by unanimous vote (Gia Sunderland not present for vote).

2. District Improvement Plan

- 2.1. Categories – the plan is composed of the following categories:
 - 2.1.1. Student Achievement
 - 2.1.2. Curriculum & Instruction
 - 2.1.3. Staff Development
 - 2.1.4. School Climate
 - 2.1.5. Community Partnerships
- 2.2. Basis of Plan
 - 2.2.1. Common Core Standards
 - 2.2.1.1. Have been accepted by approximately 40 states
 - 2.2.1.2. By 2014, MCAS will be based on the Common Core
 - 2.2.1.3. The Common Core focus is to prepare children for college and careers, with a focus on the skills required for careers that will be growing in the 21st Century

- 2.3. Themes – a draft by administrators based on the previous plan was handed out by Mrs. Bolton. The document lists three themes
 - 2.3.1. Theme 1 – Excellence in Teaching and Learning – the Committee would like to add a statement concerning the use of technology in the schools.
 - 2.3.2. Theme 2 – School Culture – change proposed to Objective TL.1 – add either “cooperative” or “collaborative” to the phrase “To foster respectful community”
 - 2.3.3. Theme 3 – Facilities
 - 2.3.3.1. Objective F.1 – add “vibrant” to the statement “To provide safe and secure learning environment”
 - 2.3.3.2. Objective F.3 – change the word “provide” to “support”, so it reads “To support current and relevant programming”
 - 2.3.3.3. The Committee believes it may be appropriate to add a statement in this section to provide facilities & equipment to support instruction in, and the use of, current technology

3. School Improvement Plan

- 3.1. Suggestions for improvements by the Committee:
 - 3.2. Improve Study Island, perhaps with SPO funding. For example, add math to second grade Study Island
 - 3.3. Enrichment activities after school were discussed.
 - 3.3.1. It may be too much to expect teachers to plan for after school enrichment activities, and also after school time for enrichment may not be convenient because the school day at JCS ends late.
 - 3.3.2. Timing Considerations:
 - 3.3.2.1. The teachers’ contractual time is 8:50am to 3:50pm.
 - 3.3.2.2. The school day starts at 9:05am
 - 3.3.2.3. Perhaps before school programs could be held from 8:15am to 9:00am.
 - 3.3.2.4. Gia Sunderland and Stephanie are currently doing a first grade enrichment group during the school day.
 - 3.3.3. Question posed – can parents run school-sponsored after school or before school enrichment activities? Mrs. Bolton will discuss it with Dr. Ansay. There may be legal issues. Perhaps a stipend should be paid. CORI checks would likely be required.
 - 3.3.4. Summer Splash

Meeting Ended 7:30pm.

Next Meeting: 2011 April 13, 6:30pm, JCS School Room 165

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Powers, Recorder

Riitta M. Bolton, Chair