

J.C. Solmonese Site Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2012

Location: J.C. Solmonese School, Room 165

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees:

Staff	Parents
Riitta, Bolton, School Principal, Chairperson	Amy Darling
Kathy Almeida, Grade 2	Mark Powers
Christen Hutchinson	Mary Murray
	Matthew Jacques

Meeting called to order 6:30PM

Documents Distributed by Mrs. Bolton:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of June 6, 2012

Items Discussed

1. Acceptance of Minutes of June 6, 2012 - with Mark Powers name added to June Attendees:
approved unanimously
2. Site Council
 - a. Introduction of members
 - b. May look for an additional faculty member
 - c. Overview of responsibilities of Site Council
 - d. Site Council will keep Wednesday night meetings though SPO is trying morning meeting times as well as evening
 - e. Mrs. Bolton will distribute list with future meeting dates
 - f. Probably will meet October through May
3. MCAS
 - a. Mrs. Bolton looked at various categories and subgroups
 - b. Discussed areas of strength and weakness
 - c. Explained how teacher SMART goals and evaluations are tied to student growth
 - d. Professional Development will be build around these issues
 - e. Explanation of NCLB waiver and "opt out" requirements; action plan put in place
 - f. Discussed 'High Needs' group
 - g. JCS and LGN are Level 2 schools

4. NEAYC
 - a. JCS received their accreditation
 - b. Mrs. Bolton acknowledged the hard work of Kindergarten teachers and staff
 - c. 5 year process
5. Responsive Classroom
 - a. Mrs. Bolton discussed Responsive Classroom initiative
 - b. She noted the positive response from the majority of staff members
 - c. Most staff members have received training (week-long or one-day workshops)
 - d. It establishes school-wide expectations
 - e. Constant modeling of expected behavior throughout school
 - f. Student Council may be involved in modeling behavior through a video
6. Daily Five
 - a. Mrs. Bolton discussed the Daily Five initiative
 - b. Many teachers have received training
 - c. Involves structured reading time each day
 - d. Discussion about "building stamina" through silent reading time
7. Whole Body Listening
 - a. Specialists are working on active listening during lunch time
 - b. Classroom teachers will be aware of various terms for consistency
8. I CARE
 - a. Program that helps children help each other
 - b. Coordinated by Mrs. Harvie and Mrs. George
 - c. NEED Grant
 - d. Parent volunteers will be trained
9. AIMSWeb
 - a. AimsWeb was introduced
 - b. Lengthy discussion about assessments and data
 - c. May pilot a writing piece at a later date
10. Enrichment
 - a. Will probably take place Jan or Feb
 - b. Teachers will be contacted for interest/availability
 - c. Amy Weber has agreed to coordinate program

Meeting Ended 7:45pm.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2012

Minutes Approved by Committee on: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Almeida, Recorder

Riitta Bolton, Chairperson