

ALBION MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sept. 19, 2013, 4:00, Media Center

Attending: Cathy Nelson, Jordan Lynn, Kristi, Reardon, Lisa Anderson, Ivan Flint, Joelle Peterson, Will Powley, Matt Erdmans, Mindy Timothy, Stanton Akana, Michelle Lynn, Jenifer Johnson, Camie Lloyd Joanne Ackerman, Marianne Bates, Mark Haycock.

Minutes:

1. 2013-14 Albion SCC information: SCC members introduced themselves, then members signed a roll with their current email address and phone numbers. Meeting dates and bylaws were reviewed as well as the SCC timeline.
2. Joanne asked the SCC to view the Land Trust videos and a PowerPoint explaining SCC changes for 2013 at home and to return a sign-off sheet at the next meeting. Members will also be doing some online district training through Canvas.
3. Michelle explained the basic duties of the SCC asked for volunteers from the committee who would be willing to act as SCC Co-chair, to represent Albion at the Brighton Feeder School luncheons, and to attend school board meetings. A list was passed around for volunteers. It was also suggested to have student members of the SCC who would attend quarterly. Joanne noted that since the SCC is an open meeting, students can attend whenever they would like.
4. Marianne explained the 2013-14 Land Trust plan (see bottom of minutes). We have an addition \$13,000 because of increased funding and increased enrollment. We discussed using those funds for a new chrome book lab, a new i-Pad lab, or additional computers to replace the Engaged Classroom computers. The SCC decided that Joanne should survey the teachers about what was most needed in the building
5. Because of limited time, we will review PBIS and UCAS in more detail at the next meeting. UCAS is a new program that we will all be learning together. It is likely that UCAS will be reviewed in the upcoming legislative session.

6. The committee discussed the new “Lunchtime Enrichment” program for students who have missing assignments. Students will either bring a sack lunch or have a school lunch provided by the lunchroom if they are invited to this program.
7. Joanne and Camie discussed separating academic grades from citizenship grades. In an effort to do this, this year late work will be accepted until the last 5 days of the quarter. Committee members commented that some parents of 6th graders had complained about too much homework or more homework being assigned by one team than another. Teachers noted that with no penalties for late work, many students were procrastinating completing their work. Now that it is nearly midterm, they may be trying to catch up. Joanne emphasized that assignments always needs to be quality work. Work should not be completed at the last minute just to “have it done.”
8. Cathy Nelson discussed what the counselors have been doing so far this year. Because of reduced schedule changes, they have had more opportunities to teach in the classroom. The counselors are now preparing for the 8th grade Explore tests.
9. Joanne discussed efforts to increase communication with parents this year including using more Skylerts and providing a monthly newsletter for each grade for parents. Albion is also using the marquee to publicize announcements.
10. Michelle and Joanne discussed having sub-committees of the SCC to address the following areas: 1) Bullying 2) Communication 3) PBIS 4) 6th grade transition
11. Next meeting: October 10, 2013