

WES Site Council

Monday, February 2, 2015

Location: Library

4:00-5:00pm

Members:

Elton Armbrister, Principal
Todd Flory, teacher (Chair)
Natasha McKenna, teacher
Erin Baker, parent
Amanda Schuster, parent
Kelsey Lewis, parent
Nadio Pappademos, parent
Darrel Stinson, parent

Simon Armbrister, student
Amanda DuFrain, teacher
Karson Stinson, student
Will Baker, student
Riley Schuster, student
Emberlin Lewis, student
Hannah Pappademos, student

1.) 4 p.m. – Neil Broderick – Food Service

Neil shared that he visits all site councils twice a year to keep everyone informed of what the meals consist of and the guidelines that the food service follow. He will now be attending Kindergarten round up as well.

Students get to choose between 4 options for breakfast and then within those choices are even more choices.

Breakfast has been proven to help the students be more successful at school by helping them focus on content knowledge as well as have protein to burn off at recess.

Food Service now has a FB page to help communicate information to parents.

Andover School Breakfast is available for ALL students. This is separate from the latchkey breakfast for those who attend latchkey through the YMCA. Andover Schools do provide a breakfast opportunity for any student who would like a hot meal in the morning.

2.) Mr. Armbrister – Universal Screener

STAR Reading and STAR Math: Our universal screener that we are currently using is going very well. There is a letter that comes home to the parents after benchmark tests (fall, winter, spring) to keep the parents informed on how their child has performed. Teachers analyze data after each benchmark to determine what content needs to be focused on more to ensure all students are increasing scores and goals are being met. The data was reviewed on the Fall and Winter screener and parent were given an opportunity to ask questions.

3.) Mr. Armbrister – ipads/Chromebooks change

Our district has had a freeze put on technology purchases due to connectivity issues. PTO was already scheduled to purchase iPads but the decision has now made to purchase Chromebooks. Chromebooks are also beneficial when it comes to working on keyboarding skills whereas the iPads aren't offering that skill. The goal is to have Chromebooks for 3-5 and having K-2 use the iPads.

4.) Mr. Armbrister- Efficiency with Budget

Our district and Derby are looking to partner to hire out our busing company. The benefits would be better technology such as bus tracking. (ex- if your bus is late, you can get online and see where your bus is at) The con would be to give up some control on how we utilize the buses and possibly not having the convenience of having clear communication with the bus drivers whenever bus issues arise. This is just a possible option that they are considering to help with the budget deficit.

Next Meeting: March 2nd