Site Base Committee Meeting

January 28, 2015

Members Present: Kristin Hinds (Special Area Teacher), Jane Lucas (4th Grade Teacher), Sarah McMackin (2nd Grade Teacher), Nicole Levy (1st Grade Teacher), Carolyn Lepore (Support Staff), Jennifer Sain (Kindergarten Teacher), Cinda Gatrell (Teacher Assistant), Karen Hodges (3rd Grade Teacher), Laura Gaddy (Principal), Alicia Swann (5th Grade Teacher), Tricia Green (Parent), Carolyn Nichols (Support Staff), Janet Kamenick (Parent)

Absent: Beth Diggs (Parent)

1. The next few months are very busy, so please be aware of calendar events and pay special attention to the weekly emails. Stallings will host a school board meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. We need to present a brief presentation on something that makes our school unique. The team brainstormed ideas that include highlighting our specials team (AWESOME), our high science scores (AWESOME), or creating a presentation that highlights a “day in the life at Stallings.” The team would like students to facilitate the presentation so they can show firsthand how cool all the opportunities are here at Stallings.
2. School performance grades are being released by the state and will go live on February 5, 2015. Mrs. Gaddy explained how the letter grades (based on a 15 point scale) are derived from 1)the percentage of 3-5 students that are grade level proficient on EOGs and 2) the “growth” that has been shown from the previous year.
3. Mrs. Gaddy presented a brochure on internet safety that could be sent out to parents. Some schools are also choosing to have internet safety sessions for parents although attendance has been less than projected. Mrs. Swann suggested that this brochure be sent home either at the end of the year (i.e. in the last report card) or in the beginning of the year packet.
4. The team brainstormed possible funding needs that would benefit our school. The team agreed that teacher supplement raises are a definite need as are having more human resources to help work with struggling students.
5. The team discussed whether there was a need to request a “School Zone” on Stallings Road in front of the school. There is not one at this time and the speed limit is 45 mph. Since there haven’t yet been any issues, the team has decided to wait on this. The four way stop at Stallings/Stevens Mill helps to eliminate speeding and there have been no traffic concerns.
6. The Kindergarten team suggested that we keep a master list of students named as “Terrific Kids”. Ms. Nichols has a list available if anyone needs it.
7. Parents are concerned with the amount of students that have been sick this school year (i.e. more than is typical). Parents wanted to know where it is actually stated that we can only use specified and approved “Green” chemical materials for cleaning. Mrs. Gaddy pointed out that the information is on the UCPS website. Mrs. Gaddy will also remind the custodians to wipe down door handles and commonly touched areas as frequently as possible. A note was included in the PTO newsletter that reminds parents that students must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.
8. Teacher Assistants have noticed that the classrooms used by assistants and tutors when working with small groups are often dirty. They ask that whoever is responsible (be it afterschool or our custodial staff) make sure to clean the facilities. Mrs. Gaddy will also address this issue with appropriate staff.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm. The next meeting is February 25, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the Media Center.