

Site-Based Decision-Making Committee
 July 28, 2010
 Minutes

Convened 7:32

In attendance:

Carnette Debala	Chair	Lucy Cohen	EC representative
Tonya Winchester	K-2, Vice Chair	Barbara Bevan	Grade 3 Teacher
Andre Roberson	K-2, Alternate	Sean George	Specialists Representative
Nick Tise	K-2 Parent Representative	Desiree Anderson	Teacher's Assistant
Stephany Hand Biggs	3rd-5th	Linda Haskell	Grade 1 Teacher
Monique Holsey-Hyman	3rd-5th	Velveeta Eubank	Grade 4 Teacher
Valerie McMillan	Parent	Eric Johnson	Assistant Principal
Therman Flowers	Principal		

Mrs. Debela welcomed everyone, and all members introduced themselves.

The members in attendance established the following norms for the committee this year:

- Start & end on time
- Maintain and stick to the agenda
- Communicate schedule and content of meetings to both parents & teachers
- Follow through on decisions
- Keep discussions on-topic

The group agreed that the 7:30-8:30 AM timeslot, on the first viable Wednesday of each month, would continue to be the best schedule for our meetings.

The following officers were elected by the group for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Chair: Mrs. Carnette Debela
- Co-Chair: Mrs. Tonya Winchester
- Recorder: Mr. Nick Tise

Mr. Johnson addressed several issues from the first week of school that have involved some adjustment. Due to the consolidation of routes, our status as a 2nd Tier school for transportation purposes, and other factors, there have been some alarmingly late bus pick-up and drop-off times in the afternoons. This situation is improving, and is expected to be better under control within the next week or so. As often happens at the beginning of each school year, carpool volume is high, and therefore moving pretty slowly. Additionally, the chain limiting access to the front section of the parking lot is broken, adding to the confusion by allowing people to bypass the prescribed route through the carpool lane. Finally, the Specials rotation schedule looks a little different, with Guidance replacing Science (due to the lack of a Science Specialist) and Physical Education now being called Healthful Living to reflect some of the non-physical elements of their curriculum.

There were questions from several of the parent members about the decision to cluster so many of the AIG students together into large whole class groups. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Flowers addressed these concerns, explaining reasons for the decisions that were made, and assuring everyone that students in all classes were receiving differentiated instruction.

Mr. Flowers gave a brief Principal's Report, beginning with kudos to parents, staff and students for Pearsonstown's excellent End-Of-Year test scores from the 2009-2010 school year. He mentioned the recent decision to ban "Silly Bands" from the school due to the distraction they seem to be causing among the students. He also highlighted the need for a sub-committee to revise our School Improvement Plan for the current school year. Mr. Roberson, Mr. Tise, Mrs. Isasi-Brown and Mrs. Hyman all volunteered to join the subcommittee.

Due to time constraints, the agenda items dealing with PEP Due Dates and Teacher Web Pages were tabled to a future meeting and/or grade-level workgroups for discussion. The next meeting date was announced to be September 1.

Adjourned at 8:36