

**South View Middle School  
Site Council Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2009  
3:30-4:40**

- Members Present (indicated with X):

	<b>Staff [Term year of two]</b>		<b>Student</b>		<b>Community</b>
X	Beth Russell Principal	X	Bettenga, Grace Community Outreach	X	Melin, Kim Parent Council
	Duffy, Patrick A Assistant Principal	X	Grace Meyer Student Achievement	X	Knoll, Andrea [1], Scty Parent 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	Freese, Steven [2] 6th Grade	X	Maggie Stang Equity/D2BR	X	Mironer, Mark [2], Chair Parent 7th Grade
	Chris Peterson [1] 7th Grade	X	Madeline Hage Student Achievement	X	Moe, Christine [1] Parent 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
X	Melissa Kalinowski [1] 8th Grade	X	Sophia Hilali Equity/D2BR		Halling, Kari [2] Parent 9th Grade
	Sigmund, Claude [2] 9th Grade	X	Dow, Clara Spirit and Assemblies	X	Maetzold, Dennis[2], VChair Member At Large
	TBD Staff [1]	X	Armeen Shahriar Clean and Green		

- Called to order at 3:30 by Chair, Mark Mironer
- Mark asked that the group email him any questions or comments on the proposed By-Law changes so that we may vote at the November meeting.
- Council members and students broke into Leadership team sub-committees to discuss a) what would success from each leadership team look like at the end of the school year, and b) what policies from Site Council might be needed to support the objectives. Representatives reported back to the larger group:
  - Community Outreach/Ambassadors- A student presented a proposal to support the homeless by raising money and supplies for shelters. The team will strive to have more community service projects at SV such as food drives, clothing drives and holiday adoption/wish lists like Toys for Tots
  - Wellness and Environment/Clean and Green- Focused on increased recycling participation, particularly with the older students
  - Equity and Inclusion/ D2BR- Goal to have fewer students coming to Mr. Duffy with concerns/complaints. Suggestion to also consider using student survey data. Focused on raising student awareness, through older students mentoring younger, a poster campaign and working with staff to incorporate in curriculum. A group of SV students and staff are in Baltimore this week to attend an equity conference. SV students are presenting

information on our D2BR efforts. The Beyond Diversity Training may be made available to parents and more students. We discussed the Spirit of SV breakfast and the need to revamp, revitalize and clarify the criteria for nomination. Students who are making a difference should be recognized. Leadership teams could help suggest criteria based on their goals.

- Events and Assemblies/Spirit Team- Reviewing Spirit week and Mixers to evaluate what worked and what didn't. In general, students reported that the older grades did not like being combined with the younger, and that students prefer Spirit week held in conjunction with Edina Homecoming. They were asked to discuss objective of mixers and Winterfest at their committee meeting, and the focus/goal of Spirit week- building spirit for Edina or for South View? Reasons for combining the mixers and changing the dates were explained.
  - Student Achievement/P.A.C.T.- Primary goal is to make tutoring more accessible and comfortable. There will be a schedule and publicity. Would like more students to see it as a service, not a stigma. Committee suggested using a confidentiality agreement and using surveys to obtain feedback. Teachers will recommend students to participate. Val Burke might be a resource for community volunteers. They plan to try to offer both scheduled sessions and drop-in services.
- Dr. Russell discussed the new policy for announcements. Students will no longer be called down to the office to collect items dropped off for them. It has become a disruption, with 50 students coming down a day. Items brought to the office for pick up by students will be placed in a bin, and the student needs to come down and get it on their own.
  - Meeting adjourned 4:50. The next Site Council Meeting will be November 9, 3:00-4:30, Media Center

#### Site Council Meeting and Treat Schedule for 2009-2010

September 14	Mark M
October 12	Kari Halling
November 9	Chris Peterson
December 14	Andrea Knoll
January 11	Beth Russell
February 8	Dennis Maetzold
March 8	Melissa Kalinowski
April 12	Christine Moe
May 10	Steve Freese and Patrick Duffy