Site Council 1/22/2018

West Homer Library

1. **Opening Activities**
   1. Call to Order:
   2. Roll Call: Erica Marley, Jenifer Dickson, Eric Waltenbaugh, Krista Etzwiler, Beth Bowe, Christine Faber
   3. Approval of Agenda: agenda approved
   4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes have been approved
   5. Agenda addition: The group discussed the possibility of a new program that is being considered. The program involves monthly lunch meetings at the library where the focus will be topics that support families. These discussions might include ted talks, ongoing conversations about resources, and strategies for supporting the families of pre-adolescent and adolescent children. The team suggested posting the meeting dates in the weekly newsletters. It was decided that a flyer will be developed and sent home once the details are determined. Conscious discipline for the middle school level was mentioned as a possible discussion.
2. **Principal Report**
   1. Orca Standing Ovations: Orca ovations from students and staff were posted around the school. The ovations recognized personal effort and perseverance. Teachers responded positively. Students also responded positively. Some teachers would l like to have an award. It is possible that student citizenship awards could be given in the class. Jennifer mentioned that the migrant ed celebrates one hiker a week and that is positive. Setting a 4th quarter goal is a possibility.
   2. PBIS Update: Student referrals have spiked in November both years but the actual number of referrals has dropped significantly. Last year, there were 70 referrals during the first semester. This year there are only 20 referrals. It was discussed that the decrease in referrals could be attributed to the implementation of the refocus tool and the clearly defined referral policies. Data will be reviewed at a staff meeting in the near future.
   3. Artist in the Schools: February 12th – 23rd:  Dates have been set and the artist has been chosen. Jocelyn Shiro-Westphal will be doing the artist in the schools. The artist will need the gym so students will be bussed to the SPARK building for PE. There is some increase in fees because of the bussing and rental of the SPARK building.
   4. Squirrel Nut Zippers Concert: February 12th Concert will be held Monday morning. The band is interested in sharing their music with kids.
   5. Next Wall to tackle – Celebration of Perseverance: There is a panel that has been placed outside the office. Another panel will be put in place in the near future. Kids stories will be placed in the celebration wall. Stories will be rotated.
   6. Bussing Update: Dismissal time has been changed and this has worked most days. Parent pick-up parking is working. Busses are moving through the bus lines faster and are not being blocked as often by parent pick-ups. The teachers are supportive of the additional instructional time. The council discussed the benefit of adding a light to Paul Banks so the busses could turn left quickly and get to West Homer at the scheduled time.
   7. Study Skills club: The club is up and running 2x/week. There are 8-14 students per day. It happens Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:45-4:15. Students work on movement, self-regulation, and healthy snacks before beginning working on their homework. Parents are expected to come into the school to pick up their children. Most parents are supportive of picking their students up in the school.
3. **New Business**
   1. Bus Meeting: January 25th 6-8pm WHE Library – The team discussed the Bus Usability Survey. It was suggested that the survey avoid using options for question 1. Instead, it was suggested that the form simply asking why parents aren’t choosing to ride the bus. The majority of the committee supported including options rather than an open ended questioning. There will be a community meeting to address bussing. There will be a short presentation. Parents will also be given an opportunity to complete the bus usability survey. The committee also discussed the alternate plan for bringing busses around the school.
      1. It was decided that the committee member that will be present and representing our site council will be: Beth Bowe and Erica Marley
   2. Meeting Schedule
      1. March 26th
4. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7pm
5. **Next Meeting:** March 26th 6:00pm