

March 3, 2011
Site Council Minutes

In Attendance: Kim Newell, Amy Donahue, Amanda Jantz, Katie Fritz, Aaron & Stacie Jones, Angie Matthews, Erika Schoenbeck, Christy Roscovius, Joanie Doperalski, Jill Hupe, Laura Fails, Laura Ebert, Amy Flinn, Amy Schwein, Mary Hildreth, Stacey Hirt, Kandy Williams, Marcia Beachler, Darci Hildebrand, Amanda Beason, Ellen Lowery, Kara Burns

This meeting began with a special visit from Mr. Doug Conwell, Superintendent USD 320, to address parents' questions and concerns centering around the possible mill levy increase and overall budget cuts for the district. Mr. Conwell spoke for nearly 45 minutes and provided handouts highlighting important facts relating to the District Capital Outlay Budget and the current USD 320 Budget Report. He reviewed cuts that have already been made by the district and how they have directly impacted students and personnel. He also warned that more cuts will be necessary given the State's upcoming reduction in funding. In closing, Mr. Conwell encouraged any concerned party to come to a BOE meeting or contact their board representative to discuss any questions they may have.

Following Mr. Conwell, Katie Fritz reported that the "Books for Kids" book drive was a huge success. West Elementary would like to make a distribution center in the corner of the library. Any child would be able to take up to 2 books at a time with no questions asked. A collection of books would also like to be given to the special education teachers and Title 1 reading teachers for them to donate to students/ families they feel could benefit from these books. Infant toddler providers have already pulled books for many of the families they service. The pre-school teachers have also already pulled many books for use in their classrooms.

Katie stated that the books were being sorted in the following categories: Golden Books, Disney, "Square Books", Beginning Level Readers, Chapter Books, and Picture Books. She will coordinate help for cleaning and sorting the remainder of the books with volunteers from Central and possibly Best Buy.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of uniting with CMH's Summer Lunch Program in order to reach more children who could benefit from these books. West also plans to work with WPL and their summer reading program to help further disperse these books.

Katie organized a work session for March 11th at 1 p.m. in the art room to help clean and sort donated books. If you are unable to attend this session, you may take tubs of books home to clean and sort. Please contact Katie if you are interested in helping.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

