

## SBDM Minutes

**Thursday, January 15, 2009**

Attendance: Heidi Doman, Mark Principe, Brynn Najdowski, Ken Larson, Amy Wendland, Denny Roehm, Larry Killips, Claudia Haworth, Janet Bliden

### 1. Reviewed December Minutes (Old Business)

Moved to adopt—K. Larson

Seconded—M. Principe

### 2. New Business

- a. **Parent/Teacher Conferences**—Marci, Leanne, Christine, and Barckley participated in a discussion with others representatives in the district.

Results: High schools and middle schools want conferences to be held closer to the end of the quarter. Elementary schools want to keep it the way it is currently set up. Time was not deemed to be an issue. Therefore, all parties are pleased.

#### b. SBDM and the New Contract

>>*The Letter of Understanding*—Ken Larson will get this letter facsimiled and sent to all SBDM members.

>>The SBDM team brainstormed the following questions that need answers:

> Why did the district and the PEA leadership negotiate out the *Letter of Understanding* that was in the contract? (Ken, with the aid of Leanne, Marci, and Christine, will initiate discussion with Eric VerHey and Ric Perry.)

> Under the new contract what is the operational relationship between SBDM teams and the District Advisory Council? (Ken, with the aid of Leanne, Marci, and Christine, will initiate discussion with Eric VerHey and Ric Perry.)

> What impact will the omission of such a letter have on SBDM teams in the district?

- > Can, in fact, any one employee now file a grievance and supplant a site-based decision voted on by a majority?
- > Who IS currently site-based in our school system? (Larry Killips will find this information along with a contact person for each school.)
- > If not site-based, is there another system that schools are using? If yes, then what are the pro and cons of the alternative system(s)?

>>After receiving the names of schools utilizing SBDM teams and contact personnel, the WMS SBDM team, in order to be better informed and in hopes of eliciting SBDM support across the district, will

- > inform named school personnel that WMS has no plans to disband or change the way SBDM conducts business

- > seek answers to the following questions:

What is your school's SBDM team's current status?

\_\_\_ will continue to operate as in the past

\_\_\_ will change the way SBDM operates

\_\_\_ will change to a new system

\_\_\_ will disband SBDM and not replace it with another system

What do you perceive to be the impact of eliminating the *Letter of Understanding*?

>>Larry listed the following as just some of the areas in which the WMS SBDM team has taken an active and positive role:

- > The Middle School Program
- > Report Cards

- >Conferences
- >School Climate
- >Awards Programs
- >Math Program
- >Parking Lot

>>Claudia Haworth suggested a joint meeting of all SBDM teams at some future date might be worthwhile. SBDM members agreed.

### **c. Principal's Report**

1. Looking at a systematic building-wide plan for students who don't learn following the Hope Network Model.
2. Larry and Denny will talk to kids about cell phone usage.
3. Upcoming Dates:
  - >Jan. 30 begins the 8<sup>th</sup> grade course selections for high school.
  - >Feb. 4 is Parent Night for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents at high schools.
  - >Feb. 11 is 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation at WMS
  - >6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will do course selections in February.
4. Denny reported that there were 40 parents at the Substance Abuse Presentation at the PTSO meeting. (CMS would like the same presentation one evening in March.)
5. Bullying and Cyber-bullying Presentation at NMS attended by 60-65 parents.
6. At WMS, students learn about cyber-bullying in computer courses.

**Next Meeting:** February 12 at 3:00 hosted by Safe and Orderly Committee

submitted by M. Principe