

SILA Governance Council minutes for October 11, 2011

1. Meeting called to order by Ron at 1730. Justin and Bill were absent.
2. Evaluation of SILA program added to the agenda.
3. September minutes approved by Sally and Terry seconded the motion. Minutes approved.
4. No guests
5. No Delegations
6. Reports

Anne

- Committee update: Anne expressed concern that the Financial Sustainability Committee should meet soon. The Curriculum Committee meeting could be placed on hold until later in the school year.
- Anne's vision is to increase student enrollment next year to 80 students with full time instructors.
- SILA update:
MAPS testing showed students had a broad range of scores in reading and language usage. Grammar boot camp has been implemented.
Odyssey is having problems and Anne is following up.
Students are still struggling with independence and logging time in Project Foundry. Students now need to fill out a log at the end of each day compiling their time spent in each area.
MAPS testing will occur mid -year.
A shelf for books and binders was created for the students.

Ron

- Ron wrote a letter encouraging people to volunteer and share talents at SILA.

Sally

- Partnership Committee is meeting tomorrow. Sally has been making contacts in the community to encourage people to share their talents.
- Volunteer update: Sally has enlisted the help of volunteers to help with clerical duties and assisting students with reading. Marie Dieck, Judy Schappel, Margaret Hintz, and Daniel Wickesberg are the volunteers. Verbalized need for chairs for committees.
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Kelly

- Subs will be trained to teach in SILA
- WKCE testing will be in the end of October
- November 4th is Parent Teacher's conference for SILA students
- During home study days, students can attend regular classes. The students are not required to attend regular classes during a home study day.
- Kelly continues to over communicate with staff.
- During home study days, expectations need to be clarified with the students and parents.
- Coaches complimented Parent Advisory Group for the Fall Frolic.

Jenny

- No Parent Advisory Meeting since the Fall Frolic
 - Parent Advisory Meeting is October 18, 2011
 - Suggested an increase in advertising for the next Fall Frolic.
7. Continuing Business
- Sept. SAMS Sally ordered studio recording needs and received 15% off.
8. New Business
- Teachers have a networking group through the DPI and are connected through the polycom system.
 - Terry discussed storage of Governance Board documents in the "cloud" as well as on paper.
 - Perry started the 501c3 status
 - Parents were expressing concerns about the lack of communication with the SILA staff about their student's academic progress. Students from each advisory will update the website. The calendar could also be on the website. Interactive videos about the student's projects could also be shown on the website. Discussion around evaluating students once per week and sending feedback home to parents. Parents will have access to Project Foundry and visualize their student's progress. Parents will also be able to login to Odyssey. Discussion about using face book as a communication tool. The communications committee will be looking at different tools to enhance communication. Parent Teachers Conferences will be November 4th.
 - Shadows on the Wolf will be financing a kiosk for the marsh on Hwy 54. SILA students will be developing a project to build the kiosk. Communication with Mosquito Hill representatives occurred regarding the kiosk.

Motion to adjourn at 1915

Next Governance Board Meeting is Wednesday November 9, 2011 at 5:30.