

Maplewood Elementary School

SITE Council Minutes

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Members Present: Jill Bailey, Erin Barnes, Stef Kondor, Liberty Looney, Karen Scherlie, Diane Smith, Suzanne Smith

- 1) Minutes from March were reviewed.
- 2) STEAM Day follow up.
 - a) Very positive feedback
 - b) Daytime was good. Children who wouldn't have been able to attend benefitted.
 - c) Discussions will continue in committee on whether to continue yearly or alternating years
 - d) Suggestions were made that it be moved up to the original timeline of late January/February
- 3) Art Night Questions
 - a) Clarification that it is a "crafts night" event with volunteer run booths
 - b) Lends itself to evening, but cannot piggyback as a walkthrough exhibit event
- 4) Indistar Indicator - Parent Education to help our children be successful. Ideas include:
 - a) Video presentations (or Power Point) by grades of "tips/tricks"
 - b) Helping parents become familiar with terminology used in the classroom
 - c) Returning to curriculum night

These need to be done by the end of next year. The advantage of video presentations would be they could be posted to the MW website, and linked to the PTA website for easy access.

- 5) Volunteer Orientation and making easy to follow direction posters was briefly discussed. (book binder)
- 6) Staffing for the 2015 – 2016 school year
 - a) Foundation will cover our current EAs (Maria and Shannon). That is one full and one half time.
 - b) We will have a full time counselor with the addition .5 FTE from PPS
 - c) We will continue to have half time (.5 FTE) P.E.
 - d) We have an additional .5 FTE and are HOPING to fill this with a half time dance/movement teacher
 - e) The district is giving us an additional secretary. In the past we have been able to shift this to get EAs, but PPS will no longer allow that.