

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2011

Meeting convened at 2:35. Principal Karen Hartley, Daniela Cannella, Crystal Power, Lisa Carlson-Hill, Cate Oranchak, and Charlie Radoslovich were present.

Ms. Hartley opened the meeting by praising the manner in which Peirce's advisory council is managed. Throughout the district, administrators try to model their councils after the PAC. We approved the minutes from the 10/26/11 meeting and proceeded to revise the 2011-2012 School Improvement Goals and Action Steps.

Goal 1: Develop a new, updated Peirce handbook. Goal 2: Ensure that all Peirce students have equal access to updated technology. Goal 3: Use individual student data to improve writing skills. Attached are the revised goals for 2011-2012.

Goal 1 is near completion, but the council will need to address lunch room expectations and homework guidelines with further discussion with staff members. Cate will check with the district's current policy on homework. **Goal 2** is in progress with an emphasis on equitable access to hardware and software for all classrooms. Wireless internet is scheduled, but is dependent on district installs throughout the district wide facilities. Ms. Hartley is going to check in with Nicole Hayes, building tech, to see how her grant is worded to help with action steps to meet our technology goals. Lisa mentioned it might make sense to look at the PTO funds in reserve at the end of the year as a funding source for Peirce's technology upgrades. **Goal 3** is in progress with a focus on differentiated instruction and writing to meet the needs of diverse learners.

Ms. Hartley is continuing to communicate with Cathy Bodie about her vision for the inclusion program and the exit criteria for learners. Cindy Revelle will fine tune the talking points for families with Ms. Hartley's input as well. A Discovery Streaming status update will take place in our December meeting. Lisa will look into the substitute pool to make suggestions for our next move on this topic.

We will select the four "Strive to Shine" posters for the school wide vote that will be conducted in 2012 in our December meeting. The string instrument showcase and class schedule conflict will have to be address in the next academic year, along with the birthday celebration policy. Staff input will be utilized to make final decisions.

We finally discussed some of the physical plant issues at Peirce. Currently, Cate is working on a site plan for the eastside hill. We will take a look at the bike rack and orderly drop off site recommendations at our December meeting. Redistricting updates will have to be a focus for PAC to insure information is available to the Peirce community. Further discussion is needed to devise a communication plan.

The next meeting is set for 12/19, 2:30-3:30.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40.