

## Model Lab. School SBDM Minutes

September 3, 2009

James Dantic, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00. Members present were Mark Cornette, Charles Elliot, Mandy Kipp, Allison Jacobs, Stephen Willis, Becky Hatfield, Jason Morgan, Jasmine Rutherford, Bruce Johnson, and Scott Johnson.

The agenda for September was approved.

August minutes were approved.

### Personnel

- Elementary Music – Sheila Lippmann has been hired – She is hard at work, doing supervision and music.
- Fifth Grade Position – There are now 38 applicants. On September 3, 2009, there will be a meeting with 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents about the timeline for hiring, and the dispositions desired for hiring someone. The posting ends 9/4/09. The last week of September, first week of October is the desired date for the person to be in our building! It will be a one year appointment, or permanent, depending on what happens.
- Americorp – Interviews were done with two candidates. One has been hired. He seems very personable and knowledgeable. He will be a full year Americorp worker.
- Elementary enrollment is full, 8<sup>th</sup> grade is missing one student, and just a couple of spots here and there are open in the High School. The senior class has 48.

### Kentucky School Board Association Policy Review Process

- When areas of need come up, the Kentucky School Board Association usually sends out policies that can be approved or disapproved.
- With the dean's approval, Jackie Vance has been asked to review our notebook of policies. Because of her expertise as a former Model Director she will have a good idea of how to tailor make our policies and make them applicable for Model.
- Her suggestions will be passed along to the KSBA, they will rework it, and then return the binder to us.
- When they are returned to us, the SBDM will be reviewing them.

### Peanut/Nut Safe Guidelines

- We have several students throughout the school who are severely allergic to peanuts and/or tree nuts.
- Guidelines have been set for how teachers and administration should address the issue.

- The cafeteria and grill will not be serving any peanut products or use peanut products to cook
- Students will not be allowed to bring peanuts, nuts, or peanut butter
- This is a matter of educating everyone...what is the plan?
- Easy access to an EpiPen will be of high concern.

#### H1N1 Preparations

- A link from our website to ECU's H1N1 status and procedures is present.
- Sixty big things of hand sanitizers will be delivered, as well.
- Most schools are staying open with just a few cases, and closing with a large outbreak.
- The Model Website will be the fastest way to communicate with everyone if this happens.
- Mr. Dantic will check into what protocol the custodial staff will take if anything happens. He will contact Rich Middleton to find out. If a procedure is found, it was suggested for this procedure to be communicated to parents.

#### Religious Expression Policy Development

- We need to create policies that will show others what our stand is on the issue.
- Several examples were given. A committee will be formed to develop a policy until our binder of official policies is set.
- Mr. Cornette, Mandy Kipp, and Scott Johnson will spear head that policy development

#### Arts and Humanities/Writing Policy Development

- Finding a way to prove that you are teaching the curriculum and assessing the curriculum is the goal.
- Utilizing teacher personnel to come up with these ideas is suggested. The SBDM will then approve what is developed.
- Arts and Humanities will be headed by Allison Jacobs. She will consult with the teachers and wrap it up before Christmas.
- Writing Policy will be headed by Jasmine Rutherford. She will consult with the teachers and wrap it up before Christmas.
- Vocational Studies will be headed up by Stephen Willis - He will consult with the teachers and wrap it up before Christmas.

#### Patriot Speech

- Obama will be giving a speech to school children on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.
- There are two distinct opinions on the issues – propaganda, and welcome back to school

- Elementary will encourage parents to tape it if they want their child to view it. Middle school will tape it, preview it, and then based on the response have them view it in the afternoon.

### MPO Report

MPO report to SBDM Council's Sept. 3, 2009 meeting  
Submitted by Charles Elliott, MPO rep to SBDM

Model's MPO last met on August 18, 2009.

Arrangements for refreshments at upcoming High School, Middle School, and Elementary Open Houses were discussed. Fall Festival date and times were announced, October 23, 2009, 5-9pm. Mr. Steve Loy, Model Chess Team, discussed the possibility of MPO taking over operation of the Annual Model Lab School Scholastic Chess Tournament. After discussing the idea, and getting Mr. Loy's commitment to help with the tournament, MPO voted to operate the tournament as a fund-raising activity for this coming year. Status of the Susan Brubaker Award plaque was discussed (Mr. Dantic indicated he would see that the plaque was put up in the front lobby). It was announced Patriot Achievement Banners and Pole Banners should be finished by the end of the month and hopefully erected in early September.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.