

**Grayhawk Elementary School  
School Council Minutes  
November 17, 2009**

**Description:**

In keeping with the need to continually strive for school improvement and effective schools, and to increase involvement in the decision-making process, the Governing Board endorses and supports school councils at each school within the district.

The Governing Board believes that in many areas of school administration, those most closely involved or affected by the decision best make decisions. School councils will be involved with site-based decision-making, a process whereby representatives from staff, parents, community, administration and students (at the high school level only) work together to arrive at decisions that are effective for the site. The primary focus of site-based decision-making is directed toward the benefit of the students in general and the organization as a whole. The principal will identify topics appropriate for school council consideration.

Decisions made by the school councils must be within the areas designated as appropriate and must be within a series of parameters established by Procedure 2.2.2.1. Additionally, the decisions must be consistent with the District's Philosophy and Broad Educational Goals, be focused on the enhancement of student learning, and must be approved by the principal.

**Membership:**

Allison Gualtiere –	Parent Representative –2 years
Amy Dahlby -	Parent Representative –1 years
Bob Skoff–	Community Representative – 2 years
Cindy Judy -	Teacher Representative –1 year
Brandie Dunlap –	Teacher Representative – 2 year
Kim Adams -	Classified Representative – 1 years
Don Hiemstra-	Principal

**Attendance**

Allison Gualtiere  
Amy Dahlby  
Bob Skoff  
Cindy Judy  
Brandie Dunlap  
Kim Adams  
Don Hiemstra

## Minutes of November 17, 2009:

- I. Approval of New Vision Statement
  - A. The Grayhawk Elementary School team of staff, students, parents, and community dedicates itself to the education of our children. The uniqueness of each child is respected, shared, and valued. Our aim is to instill within students the love of learning, with an enriched and integrated core of basic knowledge that helps prepare them for a higher level of education. As a keystone of our mission, we believe in the partnership of school, family, and community. Together, we will develop responsible students who possess the skills to solve problems, and become successful 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners. When walking down the hallways of Grayhawk Elementary School, one will sense the pride in our school.
  
- II. Cell Phones at School Rule
  - A. Each site to determine rules/regulations for next year
  - B. Brainstormed/discussed Pros and Cons of cell phones at school
  - C. Current policy: no cell phones at school for students unless parents meet with Mr. H. to get special permission and then they are to be off at all times while on campus. If the don't follow the rules they are asked to take phones to the office and the parents must come and pick up the cell phone.
  - D. The pros and cons of the current Grayhawk cell phone rule were discussed and will carry on the January meeting for further/final discussions.
  - E. If you have input please contact the Representative of your group to share your feelings/opinion/recommendations
  
- III. School Council Rubric/Survey
  - A. Distributed, completed, returned to Brandie Dunlap
  - B. Tallied and recorded results (majority of positive responses)
  
- IV. Instructional Goals and Strategies
  - A. \*Rescheduled to next meeting due to length of Cell Phone discussion
  
- V. Future Meeting Dates
  - A. Meet Once a Month
    - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (not December)
    - 2. January 19, 2010
    - 3. February 16, 2010
    - 4. March 16, 2010
    - 5. April 20, 2010
  - B. Next meeting
    - 1. Testing Data
    - 2. Cell Phone Policy continued...
    - 3. Instructional Goals and Strategies