

## **2013 – 2014 SITE COUNCIL NEWS**

### **SITE COUNCIL MET AUGUST 19 AT PHMS**

Those in attendance at the first Prairie Heights Site Council for the 2013 – 2014 school year were Amber Jones, Lori Pollock, Lisa Lee, Kacie Evans, Angela Moore, and Cynthia Schrader. Members discussed avenues to build family engagement and collaboration with the communities of Prairie Heights. Ideas mentioned were to increase participation by inviting patrons besides parents of the communities, communicate in more ways, when the council meets, make a special effort to reach out to new families, and make a better connection with our community organizations. At the next meeting it was decided to study the results of the family engagement surveys completed by PHES and PHMS parents at enrollment earlier in August. The next date that Site Council meets will be September 23 at 5:30 PM in the music room at Prairie Heights Elementary in Dwight.

### **SITE COUNCIL MET SEPTEMBER 23 AT PHES**

The Prairie Heights Site Council has met twice, so far this school term. The August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the middle school in Alta Vista and the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held at the elementary school in Dwight. At the first meeting members reviewed the results of last year's Power of Partnership Family Survey completed by parents at enrollment and discussed ways to share power and promote collaboration with families and community. During the second meeting members looked for strengths and weaknesses reflected in the 2013 - 2014 survey. The group brainstormed about possibilities that might assist with family engagement, sharing the power between school and families, as well as, ways to collaborate and connect with the communities. The surveys indicated satisfaction with communication compared to the year before along with the belief that children were being challenged to do their best. The next date that Site Council meets will be October 21 at 5:30 PM in the library at Prairie Heights Middle School in Alta Vista.

### **SITE COUNCIL MET OCTOBER 21 AT PHMS**

The Prairie Heights Site Council has met three times, so far this school term. The August 19<sup>th</sup> and October 21 meetings were held at the middle school in Alta Vista and the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held at the elementary school in Dwight. Members studied the results in the Power of Partnership Family Survey completed by parents at enrollment and looked for strengths and weaknesses reflected in the survey during meetings. The group developed several ideas to assist with sharing the power between school and families, as well as, ways to collaborate and connect with the communities at the October meeting. The group determined that the council needed to also communicate with patrons all of the ways that power is shared including patron membership on the discipline committee, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program committee, and the District Academic Council, along with PTO and Site Council participation, to mention a few. The next date that PH Site Council meets will be January 27 at 5:30 PM in the music room at Prairie Heights Elementary School in Dwight.