

Enrichment Advisory Board Minutes

9/8/08

In attendance: Georgia Shimkus-Administrator, Debbie Menendez- Administrator, Elaine Villarreal-Support staff, Helenmarie Slater- Parent, Elizabeth Graham- Parent, Lisa Ritchie-Parent, Terry Rodriguez-Supplemental Education

Absent:

Facilitator – Georgia; Recorder--Georgia

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Introductions:

Each member introduced themselves. Lisa Ritchie is a new member to the EAB.

MV enrichment classes:

Terry updated the board on the current enrichment classes. The Homework Club was cancelled due to low enrollment. It was advertised to students before being cancelled and an email was sent out to parents about the classes. Terry is keeping an interest list to see if the classes may be offered at a later date. The following classes are full: Chess, Spanish, and Brain Busters. These classes are set to begin: Young Rembrandt's, Chorus, Physics, Lego (gr. 3-5), Golf, and Running Club. Mark Koss-Fillinger is teaching the Lego class and may offer a class for the K-2 grades in the future. Lego for grades 3-5 was advertised with a separate half-sheet flyer. The ASU strings program has a smaller than expected enrollment.

Elizabeth would like to see more advertising of the Homework Club to see if it may be offered second quarter or second semester. A suggestion was made to see if some classes, such as chess Club, could be offered both in the morning and after-school since it is a popular class. The two times may meet parents' and students' needs. Terry will check on this suggestion.

Lisa has a possible instructor for Mandarin Chinese, and Georgia has a staff member interested in a possible K-2 music class for spring. Terry will take the names and check with them.

A new Site Council bulleting board is in the school's main hallway for communication. The Enrichment Advisory Board has been added to this bulletin board so parents have access to the minutes and agendas. The minutes and agendas are also published on the school web site with a new link to the Enrichment Advisory Board.

Survey

Helenmarie mad a draft of a survey and the questions were reviewed and edited by the board members. The survey will seek parent input on the types of classes they would like to see offered as well as what prevented them from enrolling in a class. Georgia will see if the district technology director can put the survey online, and Helenmarie will get a draft of the survey to Elaine. Elaine will send the survey by email to the Enrichment Advisory Board for review before finalizing it. Elizabeth offered to collate the data once the surveys are returned. The survey data needs to be in by the end of October to help with spring choices. The goal is to have the data by the week of fall break (Oct.6).

Next Steps:

The survey will be given, hopefully, electronically and hard copy to all parents. The data will be collated so the enrichment board can analyze it at the next meeting. The data will be sent to Board members prior to the meeting for their review. A suggestion was made to contact PTO and the new person helping with tax credit to promote tax credit donations at all school events. Georgia will find out who the new person in charge of promoting tax credit is from PTO.

Next Meeting;

October 20, 2008 at 8:30 AM at MV