

Site Council Minutes

4/27/09

In attendance: Georgia Shimkus-Administrator, Deb Menendez-Administrator, Carla Fisher-Teacher, Sue Race-Teacher; Sally Rath-Support Staff, Janet DeCero-Parent, Lori Rodriguez-Parent, Kathy Anderson-Teacher; Kelley Schneider-Teacher, Lori Davis-Parent.

Absent: Marni Wallace-Parent

Facilitator – Georgia; Recorder – Sally; Time Keeper – Carla

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Kelly Schneider moved to approve minutes. Janet DeCero seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Update on authors for 2009-10:

Sue Race updated the council members regarding the two author visits scheduled for 2009-2010 school year. Jennifer Stewart will travel from Tucson. Illustrator, Amanda Shepherd, lives locally. The combined cost for two is \$1460. Sue proposed that the authors be funded with tax credit monies. Kathy Anderson made a motion to approve these expenditures and Carla Fisher seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Update on staffing and projected class sizes:

Georgia reported that the state will most likely fund all-day kindergarten. We are continuing to get the word out to encourage parents to enroll as soon as possible to project classroom numbers. New enrollments are watched on a weekly basis to try to anticipate staffing needs. At this point our staff will be reduced by 2 members. First grade and Second grade are being reduced to three classes in each grade level and fifth grade is gaining a class. Fourth grade teacher Will Starner, will be relocating to Thailand and fourth grade teacher Laura (McKee) Sparks will be reassigned to another school. Specific staffing assignments have not been made. Both Prop. 301 paid positions, Wendy Nicholls-10 hours, literacy assistant and Teri Dye, math assistant-20 hours, will be funded for next year. These hours could be increased when 301 funds are firm. (See table for staffing).

Principal update:

Mrs. Helene Zimmerman and Lisa Connor were welcomed at two different receptions, one for staff and one for parents, as our new principal and half-time assistant principal, respectively. Since Mrs. Zimmerman is a new principal to Kyrene, Monte Vista will qualify for an assistant principal as opposed to a Teacher on Special Assignment.

Projected Certified Staffing and Class Sizes for 2009-2010

Grade	Allocated FTE	Class size	Regulation class size range
kindergarten	3	20	24-26 +1 override 20-22
first	3	23	25-27 +1 override 20-24
second	3	24	25-27 +1 override 20-24
third	3	28	25-27 +1 override 20-24
fourth	3	28	27-29+1
fifth	4	26	27-29+1
Resource	2		
Extended resource	1		
Speech/Language pathologist	.6		
Gifted	1		
Literacy coach	.5		
Math Coach	.5		
Media Specialist/Librarian	1		
PE			
Music			
Art			

Projected Support Staffing for 2009-2010

Position	Hours
K-3	51
Resource ED	77
Resource	23
Playground	35
Clerk	35
Secretary	40
Health assistant	40
Library Tech	20

Update on tax credit funds:

Deb Menendez shared that the current Tax Credit balance is \$22,298.57. This includes all tutoring expenses as well as all other encumbered monies.

The Enrichment Advisory Board met last Monday, April 20, 2009. There was a request for \$2500 to subsidize fall enrichment classes. The EAB would meet again during the fall to evaluate possible spring class expenses.

Georgia mentioned that the Site Council should discuss the bylaw before deciding how much to approve for start-up funding for the next year. It was determined that Site Council can commit up to 50% of the tax credit funds for the coming year. Tax credit funds will be discussed at the final meeting in May and all proposals will be considered at that time.

Site Council Nominations:

Teri Preston submitted her name as a candidate for the open Parent position. She is the only candidate so far. Georgia read her resume to the council. This position would be the parent position Marni Wallace is currently filling. Marni has expressed interest in this position as well. Lori Davis will probably be relocating, but this decision is not final. If she should relocate, the Site Council would then have to fill another parent position. There are two teacher openings, one support staff opening, and one parent opening. Kathy Anderson would like to continue on the Council if possible, and Elaine Villarreal has volunteered to fill the support staff position.

Review parent satisfaction survey results:

The return was lower than in past years due to the survey being online and not in hard copy. 199 surveys were completed. Georgia mentioned that parents felt it was not convenient to have to take the survey for each student who attends the school. The results are not separated by grade level. Janet DeCero made the point that the percentage of parents who responded to the survey is not significantly high enough to make the data as useful as it could be if more parents took the survey. The council brainstormed ways to increase participation in the survey. Kathy Anderson commented that there is no appropriate place in the survey to account for not having knowledge of the subject to answer effectively. "Neutral" does not really cover that circumstance. Georgia mentioned that there were positive answers regarding students feeling safe and feeling positive about the culture of Monte Vista. In general, there seems to be a high level of satisfaction with the school and curriculum.

Next meeting

The last meeting for the year is May 11th:

Agenda items will include introductions of new members, tax credit commitments for the 2009-2010 school year, and end of year staffing update.

Janet will bring snacks.