

Site Council Minutes

5/11/09

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

Also present: new members Terri Preston-Parent; Lois Pomeranke-Teacher; Elaine Villarreal-support; Lisa Connor-Administrator

Absent:

Facilitator – Georgia; Recorder – Sally; Time Keeper –

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Motion was made by Sally Rath to approve minutes. Janet DeCero seconded. Motion passed 9-0. Marni Wallace and Kathy Anderson arrived after the vote to approve minutes had occurred.

Introduction of new members:

New members for 2009-2010, Elaine Villarreal- support staff, Teri Preston-parent, Lisa Connor- new Assistant Principal, and Lois Pomeranke-teacher were introduced. Both Elaine and Lois are returning members having served previously. Kathy Anderson, teacher, will be continuing next year, starting another term.

Update on Staffing:

Georgia shared staffing information with the council:

See “Staffing for 2009-2010.” The process used to determine staffing was guided by the district policy and based on site seniority. Teacher, Laura Sparks, is being displaced from 4th grade at Monte Vista and will be moving to Milenio to teach fourth grade. Teacher, Will Starner, will be leaving Monte Vista and moving to Thailand. Our Literacy Coach position is open but it is hoped that Shawndra Reid will return. It does not appear that any special areas will be full time due to the reduction in class sections. Special area schedules will be determined later in the summer.

Update on Tax Credit funds:

Our remaining balance is \$22,184.15

The Site Council by-laws state: “In compliance with ARS 43-1089.01, the Site Council shall determine how tax credit contributions received by the school are to be used at Kyrene Monte Vista. The Site Council may commit up to 50% of the remaining funds for the next school year at the final Site Council meeting of the school year.”

Tax credit monies have been used to fund: a playground intramural duty person; subsidize enrichment classes; Project Alert and prevention presentations; Mountain Man presentation for fourth grade; Roping Reynosos presentation for second grade; Art Masterpiece; BizTown for fifth grade; field trips for all grades; and two author visits for the entire student body; Math Club tutoring for selected students. \$11, 092.00 is 50% of our balance that Site Council can commit for next year at this meeting. District will provide 35 hours for lunch duty next year. Georgia requested that Site Council fund the other 5 hours (approximately \$2500 extra to fund this) so that we will have four lunch duty people for the full two-hours of lunch periods. The fourth person could facilitate intramural sports. Kelley wanted it in the record that she felt it was not appropriate to approve monies for selected classrooms to make pen pal

field trips at the end of the year. There was discussion regarding the approval of field trips and the equity of approving more field trips for one grade level over another. Carla mentioned that due to the lower number of classes at each grade level, that should free up monies at all grade levels except 5th for field trips. Carla's suggestion was to allocate \$900 per grade level rather than the \$1000. That would free up approx. \$600 for other purposes. Georgia asked for input regarding other uses for Tax Credit funds. Calculations were made to determine what needs to be funded now vs. in August. Janet DeCero talked about allocating the Math Club, Enrichment Classes, Intramurals/Lunch Duty first since they start up right away when school starts. It was discussed that the services provided by prevention services were not very effective especially for the price that was paid. There was discussion among teachers on the Council that the lessons were not that effective and could easily be taught by classroom teachers. Deb Menendez stated that 5th grade used the services to present Project Alert. Very few classrooms actually had classroom presentations. The change in personnel with prevention services was not considered as effective as when previous prevention services personnel conducted the lessons. Georgia and Deb stated that about 10 enrichment classes are planned to be offered in August. An instructor for Lego class is still being sought. Janet DeCero had the concern that the Council needs to make sure there are sufficient funds to be prepared for startup tax credit commitments. Georgia suggested that there would be sufficient funds for field trips and possible reading tutoring for next year. The following items were suggested to be approved for the upcoming school year.

\$2500 Math Club (tutoring)

\$2500 Lunch Duty (intramurals)

\$2500 Enrichment (subsidy for classes)

\$1500 Author visits (approved at the April meeting)

Lori Davis made a motion to approve the above amounts and Janet DeCero seconded.

Motion passes 11-0.

Recognition of Outgoing members:

Georgia thanked all members- new, continuing, and outgoing members and presented them with certificates of participation. Out-going members received Monte Vista portfolios.

Next Agenda:

Discussion of the effectiveness of Math Club after checking on participating students' end-of-year MSS scores and projected costs for Project Alert and BizTown based on the added 5th grade class for next year.

The date for the next meeting will be determined by the new principal, Mrs. Zimmerman.