

Site Council Minutes

9/24/09

In attendance: Helene Zimmerman-Administrator, Lisa Connor-Administrator, Kathy Anderson-Teacher, Carla Fisher-Teacher, Lois Pomerence-Teacher, Kelley Schneider-Teacher, Elaine Villarreal-Support Staff, Janet DeCero-Parent, Terri Preston-Parent, Marni Wallace-Teacher,

Absent: Lori Rodriguez-parent

Facilitator – Lisa; Recorder – Elaine; Time Keeper – Carla

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Minutes from May 11th meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Janet DeCero to approve minutes; seconded by Kathy Anderson. Motion passed 10-0.

School/District Update:

Helene reported that Monte Vista received the “excelling” label for the 4th year in a row. AYP score for the district affects all schools, even though we may not have the sub group that determines the score. The district is looking at way to improve instruction (ex., math data chats) Monte Vista’s current enrollment is 480 students which is the same as last year. Enrollment directly ties to school funding so looking at ways to increase enrollment will be pursued in the future. The Parent Portal is up and running. Parents are able to look at attendance information for their child. By the second quarter, our 5th grades parents will be able to look at grades. Eventually 3rd and 4th grade parents will be able to do this also.

Enrichment Advisory Committee Update:

Elaine reported that the Enrichment Advisory Committee met last Monday. Terry Rodriguez from our Community Ed Department said that the classes have begun for this semester. The only ones we are not sure about are the two homework classes that are expected to begin in November. The total cost for these classes and amount from tax credit will be finalized in October. An instructor for a Lego class is still being sought; Tammie Thornton will start the chorus club soon.

Update on Tax Credit funds:

Our beginning balance is \$24,505

Items approved at the May meeting but not yet encumbered are Lunch Duty/Intramurals (\$2500), Math Club (\$2500), subsidy of Enrichment classes (\$2500) and author visits (\$1500). Discussion regarding fieldtrips and amounts allocated for these was held and decision was made to budget \$6,500 for fieldtrips. Motion was made to accept this amount by Marni, seconded by Kathy. Motion passed 10-0. Tammy Hansen, parent, presented information about the Science On Wheels program from the Science Center. The cost for this program for all classrooms would be approximately \$3,000. Several schools in our district have had this and thought it was great for students. Due to the limited tax credit funds, site council tabled approval and will revisit at the next meeting pending budget. A request was made that PTO would pay a portion of the cost and possibly look to other sources to help pay.

Ideas were generated about increasing the tax credit donations for the remainder of this school year.

Laptops will be available at all school parent activities so that they can easily access the website to make their donations.

In the past years, tax credit has funded our Project Alert and Prevention Services. Classroom teachers felt that they did not need an outside agency to teach lifeskills and the cost for this not justified. Motion to discontinue Prevention Services was made by Marni; seconded by Terri. Motion passed 6-0. (Four members had commitments and were not present).

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Next Agenda:

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.

Agenda items:

Enrichment Update

Tax Credit Update

Science on Wheels