

Site Council Minutes

03/31/2008

In attendance: Georgia Shimkus-Administrator, Shawn O'Connell-Teacher; Sue Race-Teacher; Sally Rath-Support; Deb Menendez-Administrator, Laura Albrecht-Teacher, Kathy Anderson-Teacher, Ana Murphy-Parent, Cindy Wagner-Parent

Absent: Shaun Burns-Parent; Debbie Glass-Parent

Facilitator – Georgia; Recorder – Sally Rath Time Keeper – Sue Race

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Motion to approve minutes from 1/28/08 Sue motioned to approve minutes. Ana seconded the motion approved by group passed 8:0. (Cindy Wagner not present for vote)

School Staffing for 2008-2009:

School staffing for the 2008-09 school year looks as follows:

3 kindergartens

4 first grades

4 second grades

3 third grades

4 fourth grades

3 fifth grades

Georgia would like to get this information out into the newsletter; it has not been decided who is moving grade levels at this time, but the decisions will be made very soon and especially before class placement meetings. The knowns are that Mark Koss-Fillinger is retiring and Michele Poleyumptewa is taking a one-year leave. Since Ashley Williamson resigned, her long-term sub position ends with the school year.

Tax Credit/Tutoring Program Update:

Math club will be ending 4/4. 26 students were enrolled with 5 students not consistent in attending. \$2,963.46 was spent on enrichment. \$2550 went for salaries. \$25,240 is currently left in tax credit fund. There are still field trips and other items to be subtracted from that balance.

Tax Credit Proposal:

Susan Norton approached Dr. Shimkus asking for tax credit funds to maintain and upgrade the Heritage garden. She is asking for \$200 for gravel, and \$100 for more boulders. The total should be about \$300. Put for a vote, Kathy Anderson made a motion to approve the \$300. Cindy Wagner seconded. All approved 9:0.

Language for Committing Tax Credit Funds:

Dr. Shimkus prepared a draft to amend how we commit tax credit funds to be added to the by-laws. Discussion took place to determine if a percentage should be specified and earmarked for the next year at the end of our current school year. The question is how much of the tax credit is designated by Site Council for next year or is some allocated now and some in the fall after assessing needs for the coming school year? "Allocate funds for existing or known enrichment, authors, etc."

The verbiage was suggested as follows:

"The Site Council may commit up to 50% of remaining funds for the next school year at the final Site Council Meeting of the school year." Cindy Wagner made a motion to add that statement to the by-laws. Shawn O'Connell seconded the motion. Motion was carried 9:0.

Classroom Placement Beliefs and Procedures:

Group was asked to review current Class Placement belief statement document. Kathy Anderson recommended that a statement clarifying the lack of a guarantee of placement of siblings in the same classroom as their older sibling had. Sue Race pointed out that that this issue is covered under bullet

point #4; “requesting specific teachers by name will not be an option.”

Kathy Anderson also pointed out that the staff had suggested amending the statement from bullet point #3 under Class Placement Meeting Procedures to read: the current grade level TEACHERS receiving teachers (optional), principal and/or assistant principal, gifted resource teacher, special education teachers, speech/language specialist, and special area (art, music, PE, media specialist) teachers. Sally Rath made a motion to approve the belief document. Sue Race seconded the motion. All were in favor 9:0.

Election Procedures for Enrichment Advisory Board

Dr. Shimkus reviewed the Enrichment Advisory Board roles and responsibilities document. There was discussion regarding the language in the role portion of the document. Under the membership heading, the language should read: “This board will consist of three (3) parents, one (1) staff member and an administrator.” The staff member could be either a teacher or other staff member.

Kathy Anderson made a motion to approve the Advisory Board Procedures with approved changes. Ana Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor: 9:0

Election Procedures:

Dr. Shimkus informed the council of Site Council terms that are expiring. They are as follows:

Laura Albrecht, Debbie Glass, Ana Murphy, Shawn O’Connell all are serving terms that expire in May. Shaun Burns, parent, has not attended all year and is assumed to be not a member so a replacement will be needed. Ana Murphy stated she would be open to serving another term.

Procedures for electing new Site Council members are outlined in the by-laws.

There will be 3 parent openings and 2 staff openings.

Set Next Agenda:

There will not be a meeting on April 14th. Our next meeting will be on May 12th. The agenda will include allocating tax credit funds for school year start up programs. New Site Council members will be introduced. Historically, the May meeting is a social meeting including recognitions of departing members. Updates will be addressed as necessary, including tax credit information. Location to be determined; possibly off-campus.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm

Snacks:

Delicious snacks were provided by Ana Murphy and Dr. Shimkus