

Site Council Minutes

1/28/08

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

Absent: Shaun Burns-Parent; Deb Menendez-Administrator,

Facilitator – Georgia; **Recorder** – Kathy; **Time Keeper** – Laura

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Motion to approve minutes by Sally, Shawn seconded with correction of Ana instead of Anna in body of minutes. Approved by group Passed 8:0 (Cindy Wagner was not present for the vote)

MV Enrichment Program Update

Bonnie Pomush, Terry Rodriguez presented information on the district enrichment program and the MV enrichment program.

MV is one of only three schools using tax credit to reduce the cost and provide specialty classes (ex. Lego, Brain Busters for MV students only). The program is designed to meet the needs of our community. Community Ed offers program in 3 ways – 1. Rent facility under Youth Enrichment; 2. Outside Vendor; and 3. Pay district teachers directly. Outside vendors gets 70%-30% split with 30% going to district for administration. There is a Board adopted rate of pay for Kyrene staff that teaches enrichment classes. Vendors are required to hold insurance for liability. Staff is covered by the District insurance policy. MV classes must meet the district requirements for enrichment classes and all staff that have been teaching classes are aware of this policy.

Dr. Shimkus, Bonnie Pomush, Terry Rodriguez, and Kim Reynolds met with a parent group in January which strongly wants to keep ownership of what is offered and how it was designed. It was decided that Dr. Shimkus will set up MV Enrichment Advisory Group to act in an advisory role to administration and the Site Council to decide what enrichment classes are offered at MV each semester.

District sets the minimum number of students for classes, but the parent group felt strongly about not having minimums and funding low enrollment classes. This will be discussed by the advisory board when formed. Group also had strong feelings about MV staff facilitating the classes over outside vendors or other Kyrene employees. MV enrichment flyer would offer the reduced rate just to Monte Vista students. Spring enrichment class sign-ups are now taking place. Spring programs remain as they were in the Fall: Running Club, Lego, Chorus, Dancing Stories, "Brainiacs" (replacing Brain Busters) for classes starting in February.

Site Council Enrichment Advisory Board

Draft of SCEAB was reviewed and discussed. Membership should be composed of parents that are not Site Council members to avoid a conflict of interest and should be done by self-nomination. The size of the board was discussed with the decision of 3 parents, 1 staff and 1 administrator for a total of 5 members. Site Council felt that a smaller group is more workable than a larger group. If more than 3 parents want to be a part of the board, there would be a parent vote, similar to Site Council, to elect members. Elected parents would act as liaisons between parents in the community and board and advise administration and the Site Council. Members will need to be the parent of current MV student and serve a 2 year term. Site Council will finalize the advisory board document at the March meeting.

Tax Credit Budget update

Dr. Shimkus shared tax credit information. MV received a total of \$18,869 in donations for fiscal year 2007 (58 donations of various amounts \$100-\$400). The \$18k along with \$21k rollover from 2006 makes approximately \$40k for 2007. Dr. Shimkus sent thank you letters to all those who donated. Additional updates of current balances for Presentations, Masterpiece Art, Club Pride, Tutoring, Enrichment Classes/Supplies, and Field Trips were shared. A decision will be made at the March meeting of the minimum amount of tax credit funds to be carried forward for the 2008-2009 school year.

Tax Credit Requests

2nd grade requested Site Council fund the “Roping Reynoso’s” again this year. This roping group is the actual members of the Reynoso family that students read about in their reading series. Kathy made a motion to fund the \$300. Ana seconded. Vote passed 9:0

“Biz town” – formerly known as “Exchange City” is coming up again. Last year it was approx. \$2200 and was funded last year. There already is allocated \$1000 for 5th grade field trips and additional money will be needed (approx. \$1500). Ana motioned to fund this trip again for this year. Cindy seconded. Vote passed 9:0

Next Meeting: Monday, March 3, 3:30 pm in the library.

No February meeting due to parent conferences.

Agenda Items:

MV Enrichment Advisory Board document

Tax Credit rollover plan

School Improvement Plan update

Snacks – Ana