

Site Council Minutes

1/26/09

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

Absent: Kathy Anderson-Teacher; Marni Wallace-Parent

Facilitator – Georgia; Recorder – Georgia; Time Keeper – Kelley

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Clarification that the Retro Bill presentation was paid for by Student Council using Student Activity funds. This presentation was not paid for using tax credit funds.

Janet DeCero moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Carla Fisher. Motion passed 9-0

Principal Selection Update:

Principal selection committee: Shawn O’Connell-Intermediate; Kristy Whigham- Primary; Janet DeCero-parent/ Site Council; Teri Preston- parent/PTO; Kymberli Mendenhall, support staff; Susan Powell-special areas; Kerri Kelley-special programs; Elaine Villarreal-office staff. Community/school interviews will take place on February 10, 2009, at the district office. A decision should be made by mid-February. Finalists are current Kyrene assistant principals and one out-of-state candidate.

Tax Credit Update:

Oct-Nov 2008 \$635 (4) donations

Dec. 2008 \$15638 (51) donations

Total 2008 donations: \$16,273

Donations ranged from \$35-\$400

(28) \$400

(2) \$300

(19) \$200

(3) \$100

(1) \$150

(1) \$188

(1) \$35

Beginning balance 2008-2009 fiscal year: \$24,779

Interest: \$256

Current allocations from Site Council:

Field trips \$6000

Prevention Services \$3000

Author visits \$1550

Enrichment Classes \$2500 (reduced price for vendor classes and \$50 for MV classes)

Art Masterpiece \$175

Math Club (tutoring) \$2500

Intramural duty person \$2850

4th grade Mountain Man \$250

2nd grade Roping Reynosos \$300

Project Alert T-shirts \$550 (from Prevention Services allocation)

Math Club Update:

We have 4 classes, (1) 3rd, (2) 4th and (1) 5th. Students were invited based on MSS and AIMS test data. A few students are exiting out of the 4th grade groups and new students will fill those spots. Originally \$2500 was requested of tax credit money for the program. This covered ½ the cost for the year. An additional \$2390.50 (includes 17.5% for benefits) is needed to keep the program running through March. Attendance has been good. The extra math support has been helpful to the students. The question was posed if we have a similar club for extra reading support. Georgia explained that we have reading support during the school day through the reading fluency lab and the K-3 program. Georgia asked for a motion to continue to fund the club for the additional \$2400. Kelley made a motion to approve the expenditure. Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Tax Credit Proposals:

Dr. Shimkus presented proposals for tax credit funds.

- 1) The annual 5th grade Biz Town field trip costs \$18 per student. A \$250 deposit has been paid and buses cost \$140. An additional \$300 is needed to cover the cost of the trip. The field trip aligns with the Math and Social Studies curriculum. Janet DeCero made a motion to approve the additional funds. Sue Race seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.
- 2) Kindergarten has one field trip planned to the farm this year. They are asking for an additional field trip to the Children's Museum. The question was posed as to how this applies to the curriculum. Initially, Georgia stated she will investigate this and report back to the Site Council. Kindergarten teachers are prepared to ask parents for donations if Site Council votes not to fund this. Georgia proposed a discussion about whether there should be some guidelines about funding more than one field trip for all grade levels. Janet DeCero brought up the thought that the funds could be better spent bringing in a speaker or a presentation to the school so that more grade levels could benefit from the use of the funds rather than leaving campus and paying for buses and admission. Deb posed the question about funding special presentations that come to the school, whether the Site Council would fund these. There was discussion regarding parameters for one off campus field trip and one additional presentation that would follow the curriculum. After a lengthy discussion, Georgia summarized: Site Council will set the parameters for approving one field trip per grade level per year. At this time the Site Council feels that each grade level should be allowed one off-campus field trip. Carla Fisher made a motion to maintain the \$1000 for off campus field trips per grade level per school year. Sally seconded it. Motion passed with 9-0. Site Council further discussed that it is not appropriate for grade levels to solicit donations for field trips not funded by tax credit. Sue made a motion parent donations may not be solicited for field trips. Carla seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.
- 3) Project ALERT (the D.A.R.E. drug and alcohol prevention program taught to 5th grade) funding is from the previously approved Prevention Services. This includes T- shirts, cake and punch for the graduation, and classroom lesson presentations.
- 4) In August of 2007, during the 2007-2008 school year, Art Masterpiece requested \$1050 for supplies. The request was approved. The order missed the deadline for out-of-state ordering in the spring and as a result the order was never placed. Site Council discussed the order due to the fact that the Site Council funds were never spent and a new request to spend the funds totally \$1300 is now being requested. Discussion took place to approve an amount for Art Masterpiece to spend. To accommodate the additional supplies needed to replenish the inventory, the original \$1050 was already approved on August 23, 2007 (see minutes posted on web site). Since these funds were never spent, a new motion was made by Janet DeCero to acknowledge the original \$1050 approved amount as well as an additional \$200, bringing the total approved amount to \$1250. Site Council discussed that there are supplies that will be donated by individuals to Art Masterpiece to help defer the costs. Carla seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Next Meeting:

February 23, 2009

Agenda items - Tax Credit update; Principal Selection update-with possible introduction of new principal;
Enrichment Advisory Board update; Staffing update; Class size information

Other items that may come up can be emailed to Dr. Shimkus at least 24-hours before the next meeting.

Snacks – Sally Rath