

Site Council Minutes

10/20/08

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

Absent: Kathy Anderson-Teacher, Lori Rodriguez-Parent, Cindy Wagner-Parent

Facilitator – Georgia; **Recorder** – Georgia; **Time Keeper** – Carla

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Motion made by Carla Fisher, seconded by Janet DeCero to approve minutes. Motion passed 7-0. Kelley Schneider did not vote since she arrived later in the meeting.

School Update:

Georgia reported that Staff Development Day was very productive. Staff participated in a team building activity and each team/department created their vision for an excellent team. Staff was trained on the Kyrene Student Intervention (KSIT) process. This is a process to provide interventions for students that are having difficulty in reading, writing, math, or behavior with an emphasis on monitoring an intervention's effectiveness by the student response to the intervention. The staff also participated in a math session that centered around the school's work on math problem solving. Councilman Greg Stanton visited Monte Vista in Carla Fisher's room on Friday, Oct. 17. He spent time assisting students and had lunch with Carla Fisher. The visit was part of the Councilman's Back-to-School visits.

Report cards went home today, and parent/teacher conferences begin this week.

We are currently looking for a new Site Council parent member. Cindy Wagner is no longer able to attend the meetings.

District Update:

The calendar survey is available for the community to provide input. It was suggested that we make families aware that the survey is closing Wed., Oct. 22. Georgia said it will be added to the school marquee and a half sheet note could be sent home.

Enrichment Advisory Board:

The EAB met on Oct. 20, 2008.

The Board reviewed the data from the fall parent survey. 83 surveys were returned. There was representation from all grade levels and from families that had participated in enrichment classes and those that had not participated in the past year. There was an extensive list of classes that were suggested. Parents indicated that they would like to see more science classes, more art, and music/instrument classes. Terry Rodriguez will try to find vendors for these classes. Parents also indicated that they would like to see more offerings for younger students. The MV classes will be offered in the spring including: Brain Busters, Running Club, Choir, Extreme Legos and possibly Lego for the younger students, as well as Chess, Young Rembrandt's, Golf, and possibly Hip Hop and Ecology Club.

Tax Credit Budget:

Grand Total currently: \$20,888.04. Not much has been deducted at this time, however. Buses and entrance fees for several field trips will be deducted. The upcoming author visit will also be deducted. Enrichment Class subsidy has not been deducted at this time, also the allocation for the lunch duty person has not been deducted. Masterpiece Art was allocated \$100. It was used to mount prints.

Tutoring Club:

The math tutoring club is running. There are four sections: (1) third grade, (2) fourth, and (1) fifth grade. Each section has eight students. MV staff teaches the sections before school. Students were selected for this intervention based on teacher recommendation and test scores. There is some staff interest in opening a second grade section. This may be a possibility in the spring when the cost has been evaluated and if funds are available.

School Labels:

Georgia shared a presentation that was previously presented to the Governing Board on school labels. The presentation explained the point system used in the Federal NCLB and AZ Learns (school labels.) It also explained the sanctions for schools that fail to make AYP. Monte Vista made AYP and achieved an Excelling rating for the sixth year in a row.

Next Meeting:

November 24, 2008

Agenda items - Presentation on the new "Picturing America" prints (grant that was awarded last spring) and how to best use them; update from Enrichment Advisory Board and decision on subsidizing classes with tax credit funds; Tax Credit update and review of joint PTO and Site Council letter to be sent to parents encouraging tax credit donations

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

Snacks – Deb Menendez