

Site Council Minutes

11/24/08

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, Kathy Anderson-Teacher, Lori Rodriguez-Parent, Marni Wallace-Parent

Helenmarie Slater-parent EAB and Terri Rodriguez-District Program Coordinator for Community Education

Absent:

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

Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:

Motion made by Janet DeCero, seconded by Lori Davis to approve minutes. Motion passed 8-0. Lori Rodriguez, Marni Wallace, and Kathy Anderson did not vote since they did not attend the October meeting.

Enrichment Advisory Board:

Helenmarie Slater and Terry Rodriguez presented the EAB work with spring enrichment classes. Handouts were given detailing tax credit budget scenarios for subsidizing district-offered enrichment classes at 10%, 15%, and 20% with minimums and maximums for enrollment. The EAB recommended that the MV taught classes are offered at \$50 and that the district/vendor classes be offered at a 15% discount. If all classes reached the maximum for enrollment, the Site Council would need to approve (approximately) an additional \$220 dollars. Currently, \$108 was used in the fall from the approved \$2500. Classes for younger students are still being sought. In the spring new classes will include Hip Hop, Mad Science, Fun, Facts, and Fitness, a second Spanish class, and Homework Club in response to the parent survey. Spanish and Young Rembrandt's are open to younger students in the spring. Legos will not be offered in the spring unless and instructor can be found.

Carla made a motion that the district classes be offered at a 15% discount and the Site Council approve the additional funds if the classes all reach maximum. Sally seconded the motion. Motion passed 11-0.

A suggestion was made to advertise that enrichment classes are subsidized by tax credit funds in the flier and in the school newsletter.

Tax Credit Budget/Parent Letter:

Total is currently: \$16,193.93. There are expenses to be deducted such as buses and entrance fees for several field trips.

Dr. Shimkus shared a draft of the letter PTO prepared to solicit tax credit donations. The letter is a joint letter with the Site Council. Recommendations were made for some language changes and for some changes to the budget amounts listed. Carla Fisher agreed to be the MV Site Council representative signature on the letter. PTO will reproduce the letter, and it will be sent home with all children in the coming weeks. PTO made the decision to not mail the letter this year to save on the mailing expense.

Tax Credit Proposals:

Dr. Shimkus presented three proposals for tax credit funds.

- 1) Second grade requested \$300 to have the Roping Reynosos' come for a grade-level presentation in March. The Reynosos are featured in a story that students read in the second grade reading series. They have had this group for the past several years.
- 2) Fourth grade requested \$250 for a grade-level presentation by the Mountain Man in February to support their Social Studies curriculum. They have had this presentation for the past several years.
- 3) Whole-school assembly by Retro Bill on character education, bullying, and drug/alcohol prevention for \$800. This is presentation was recommended by a parent that is a police officer. Council decided to delay a vote on this presentation until further reviews of the presentation could be made-check with other schools that had the presentation.

Kelley Schneider made a motion to funds both the second grade and fourth grade presentations. Carla seconded the motion. Motion passed 11-0.

Principal Selection Process:

Dr. Shimkus shared the process that would take place to select the new principal for Monte Vista. The following are steps that will be used in the process.

1. Transfer process is first step. Sitting Kyrene principals are invited to make their interest known. If the Superintendent decides a current principal is a match for Monte Vista a transfer would be made.
2. Input from school staff regarding the leadership qualities they are looking for in their future leader and what they would like us to consider in the selection process will be obtained. This feedback will be utilized in reviewing possible transfer candidates as well as with applicants. (completed)
3. Screening of applicants is done at the District level, including:
 - a. Paper screening (completed)
 - b. Interviews
 - c. Other data collection methods – instructional assessment, in basket activities, etc.
 - d. Reference checks
4. Site interviews of finalist candidates – with staff and community representatives- are held. Our community representatives will be selected (1) from PTO and (1) from Site Council. Our certified staff will select (1) primary representative, (1) intermediate representative, and (1) representative from Special Programs. Also, (1) support staff representative will be selected.
5. Feedback from site interviews and all information above are shared with Superintendent for his decision.
6. Superintendent provides decision for Governing Board approval.

Once a principal has been selected, a welcoming social will be held for the staff and community.

Site Council will have one parent representative on the selection committee. Marni Wallace, Janet DeCero, and Lori Rodriguez volunteered for this role. The Council decided that the three names would be put into a bowl and a name would be drawn as well as a second name as an alternate. The first name drawn was Janet DeCero and the alternate was Lori Rodriguez. Janet DeCero will be the Site Council parent representative on the selection committee.

Picturing America:

Sue Race shared the “Picturing America” Grant that Monte Vista received last spring. The grant was from the Endowment for the Humanities and consists of 40 large laminated prints featuring American artists’ work- paintings, sculpture, pottery, metal work, etc. The prints come with a curriculum manual with ideas for how to use the prints in a variety of subject areas for elementary through high school. The Council suggested ways that the prints might be displayed for all to see including a special “Picturing America” bulletin board outside the library with the prints changed on a regular basis. Also, it was suggested to hang prints in the library windows to generate interest and discussion. The materials will be shared at the staff leadership team meeting in December and a copy of the names of the prints will be shared with the grade levels so that they can see what fits with their curriculum.

Next Meeting:

January 26, 2009

Agenda items - Tax Credit update-year-end donations; Principal Selection update

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

Snacks – Lori Davis