

## Site Council Minutes

9/22/08

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

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

**Minutes from last meeting/Agenda:** Motion made by Janet DeCero, seconded by Carla Fisher to approve minutes. Motion passed 10-0 as Cindy Wagner had not arrived yet and did not vote.

**School Update:** Georgia reported that the Read-a-thon was a big success. Students raised over \$13,000. The PTO is still awaiting the final total. Janet suggested that the information come home with students on a Monday instead of Friday because it is more efficient for family and friends to get the information.

The off-campus evacuation drill is planned for Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. All staff and students will be evacuated to the Community Center grass area after crossing over the bridge.

Staff Development Day, Oct. 13, will consist of team building, math training, Kyrene Student Intervention (KSIT) training, and teacher planning. Special area and support staff will attend their own specialized staff development.

Georgia announced her retirement at the end of this school year. Site Council will play a role in helping to hire a new principal. The superintendent's office will work with school staff as well as Site Council to work through the principal selection process. The district would like to begin the selection process earlier than in the past to make the transition process smoother.

### **District Update:**

Dr. Schauer visited all classrooms in the district this fall He visited all of Monte Vista classrooms on Sept. 15.

There are 3 governing board positions open this voting period with 8 candidates running. Kyrene School district is celebrating 120 years. New banners are on all schools. The district is looking at new materials to support our social studies resources. They will be on display at the district office until November 14, Mon - Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

A recommendation for adoption will be made at the Governing Board meeting on November 25, 2008.

### **Enrichment Advisory Board:**

The EAB met on September 8<sup>th</sup>

Update:

Homework Club did not begin because of low interest and participation. Teri Rodriguez is keeping a list to monitor interest for the spring semester. It was suggested by Lori Davis that changing the name might increase interest.

Mark Koss-Fillinger is the teacher for gr. 3-5 Lego class.

There has not been much feedback from the Enrichment Advisory Board Survey from families so far. It is hoped that we will have feedback to evaluate at the October meeting.

It was suggested by Kelley Schneider that surveys be sent out on Mondays to get more attention. Sue Race asked who determines grade level participation in each class. For example, second graders being in the Mountain Lion Chorus. That was not expected by the teacher of the choir class.

Enrichment Enrollment for fall:

Chess: 29

Spanish: 15

Golf: 7

Young Rembrandts: 21

Fantastic Physics: 18

Brain Busters: 20

Running Club: 22

Choir: 40

Extreme Legos: 24

Brain Busters, Legos, Running Club, Choir are subsidized by tax credit donations.

**Tax Credit Budget:** Grand Total currently: \$20,888.04. Not much has been deducted at this time, however. Prevention Services, busses and entrance for one field trip have been deducted so far. 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. The \$75 for family membership was not an authorized use of tax credit funds, so that amount was not used.

There will be 3 Math (tutoring) Club sections. They meet twice a week in the morning. Three MV teachers conduct these math club tutoring sections and are paid using tax credit funds.

**School Improvement Plan:**

The school goals and process were discussed. The overall goal is student achievement. All plans fall under that goal and mission that supports the Kyrene School District's strategic plan. Goals are set in reading, writing and math. The summative for reading and math is CASS and MSS and for writing we use the AIMS and CASS writing. The final School Improvement Plan will be available for review when completed. A copy will be located on the Site Council bulletin board in the school's main hallway.

It was suggested that parents have a link to a description of the Six-trait writing rubric which is used in our writing curriculum in order to support student writing at home. That link will appear shortly on the Monte Vista website. Included in the School Improvement Plan are the results from the Spring Parent Surveys from 2006-07 and 2007-08. It was discussed that we might get more parent response if the survey was available on line or through email rather than a hard copy survey.

**Next Meeting:**

October 20<sup>th</sup>

Agenda items - Presentation on the new "Picturing America" prints (grant that was awarded last spring) and how to best use them; update on Tutoring Club; Tax Credit updates; Other items that may come up can be emailed to Georgia before the next meeting.

Snacks - Janet DeCero