

4/14/09

Site council minutes

Note: The Parent Officers of Site Council are meeting tonight without the Staff Representatives to discuss proposals for the SC budget year '09-'10. All items will be discussed as introduction items and there will be no voting at this meeting.

Attending: John Miner, Maria Gutierrez, Robert M. Huberth, Janet Kimball, Michelle Brown, Nova Herzog, Nicole Swedberg, Lisa Calvert, Julie Bisson, Betsy Jones, Holly DeMaranville, Deb Voss, Kellie LaRue, Rob Einaudi, Joel Domingo, Raye Keyes.

John's report:

- 9:20-3:25 is new official start time for next year.
- We have hiring announcements out on the district website for kindergarten and .4 librarian. We hope to begin hiring by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. (April 21st, 22nd).
- Steve had someone do an analysis of updating our sound and light system for the \$2000 gift from a TC family. For \$2500 we can go to an entirely new digital light/sound system, which John will move forward on.
- Tutoring coordinator will be Ginny Allemann for next year.
- Pay for K rate will remain \$2000 per year next year, making us the least expensive in the cluster.
- The office will move to the Cabin during the construction this summer.
- Wedgwood Movie Night is July 11th.

Discussion Items

1. Memorial for Rose: We will move forward with connecting Build a Dream at the auction with some new K-2 playground structures and artistic elements in memory of Rose Chavez.

2. Site Council Positions for next year: Maria asks everyone to just put the word out that we have several Site Council positions open for next year. Here's where we currently stand with openings and candidates:

Chair: Julie Bisson

Vice-Chair: open

Treasurer: open

Secretary: open

Communications: Joel Domingo; co-chair position open

Curriculum: Jenny Stewart

District Relations: Michelle Brown

Diversity & Hiring: Cosette Le Ciel

Fundraising: open

Grants (not a voting chair): Rob Einaudi; co-chair position open

Hospitality: Deb Voss and Holly DeMaranville

3. Budget 09-10:

Proposal 1: Paid Volunteer Coordinator: Proposing bringing back this as a paid position to do the volunteer survey, data management, and do follow up to pull in volunteers for all major school events. Estimate this position at \$5000 at \$20-\$25 per hour, frontloaded through December.

Proposal 2: Tutoring Program: Proposing a budget of \$20K, plus the rollover from this year. (Note: The full tutoring program proposal can be found in the Site Council Minutes notebook in the library.) Summary: Fully fund academic coaching at 30 weeks at 30 hours/week. \$30/hour + prep time (1 for 8) = \$30,000. \$20,000 from site council, \$6500 from LAP/District, and the remaining from 2008-2009 underspend. They have requested a staff liaison (which will be Ginny Allemann). Also, they are requesting that the tutors be highly qualified in the area in which they tutor and that tutors attend specially designed instruction to meet the needs of their students. Next year, the program will address the issue of making the program more systematic and narrowing the focus of each tutor.

John would like to see us use the coaching program to provide some support for the children who are working beyond their peers, focused on the Spectrum/APP-qualified students. Would be best in groups of 2s or 3s.

Ginny should take a look at what kinds of tutors we need and then talk with staff about their needs this spring and summer.

Proposal 3: Counseling Funding: Given the budget limitations, if we keep our full time librarian position, we will then lose our counseling position. Should we consider funding a portion of this position?

4. Teacher Appreciation: Hospitality will need a bit more in their budget next year. To be further discussed.

Other budget line item questions:

5. Budget Walkathon at \$29,000 again? Yes. But perhaps we should discuss lowering this amount. Should be discussed further, within the context of our larger budgetary goals, before the decision is made.

6. Annual appeal: Will this family be offering the match again? John will ask the family. The appeal was hugely successful this year with \$15,000 already received, not including the anonymous family match and the corporate matches.

7. Auction: We can address this at then next meeting after the auction.

8. Instrumental, choral music, and drumming: Need to make some adjustments to the budget lines to accurately reflect these costs.

9. Assistants: Reduce the estimated amount to cover 13 classrooms, \$2000 each. This brings us to a budget line of \$26,000. Is this workable for staff? Could we set a point to evaluate this mid-year and then allocate money based on this evaluation?

Further budget questions can be sent to Robert and Maria.

Meeting adjourned.