

**Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2006**

Jim Vaughan called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Attendees included Tracy Burriss, Carla DeMartini, Diana Hoffmeister, Dale Jones, James Liu, Kristen Nelsen, Jim Rhee, Charlene Smith, and Jim Vaughan.

Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes from the March 9, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dale, seconded by Charlene, and passed.

Principal's Updates:

MARS (Mathematics Assessment Resource Service) – The MARS scores came back today. Thirteen classes participated, while only nine did last year. Only 41 students who took the test last year also took the test this year. Of those 41, 18 were gainers, 20 were sliders, and 3 stayed the same. This is based on comparisons of the raw data, not the scaled scores. In second grade, the average score was 25. Forty-nine second graders took the test with one ELD class participating. Last year, the average score for second grade was 26. Fifty second graders took the test last year with no ELD classes participating. In third grade, the average score was 26 with 38 students participating. Last year, the average score for third grade was 20. Since showing measurable growth in math is one of our school goals in the school plan, we will be studying the MARS scores closely as they are one measure of our growth. If more teachers participate next year, then we can make better comparisons from year to year.

Discussion Items:

Budget – Changes to the worksheet are as follows: For the SIP budget, a new line item was added for the 5% raise given to employees. This results in an added expenditure of \$1,200. Assuming an additional increase to employee salaries of about 5% next year, payroll will be about 80% of our SIP budget. With the foundation money for instructional supplies going away and the large percentage of our budget currently spent on payroll, we will need to consider reducing positions for the 2007-2008 school year. There is still about \$5,000 that has not been spent of the SIP grants given to teachers. If all of this money is spent, we will have a SIP carryover of about \$2,500 next year. For Title One, the line item for the 5% raise was added as an expense of \$4,200. A line item was also added for the contracted reading tutors at an expense of \$17,598. Only 15% of the Title One allocation can be carried over. With a reserve of almost \$26,000, we need to spend approximately \$11,000 by September. There is a possibility that our Title One allocation will be reduced next year because Cupertino Middle School is now a Title One school. The entire ELAP (ELD Upper Grade) budget has been spent (\$17,540). This money was used to purchase laptops, projection units, Zip Zoom, Quick Read, and listening centers.

School Plan – The School Plan was distributed for review. Several typos were noted which will be corrected. Dale is looking into our similar school ranking for our API. It is believed that the other schools have the same socio-economics as Nimitz, but may not have the same transient population percentage as Nimitz. Tracy moved to approve the School Plan as amended, and Carla seconded it.

SSC Nominations – There is one SSC seat open (for a term of two years) beginning with the next school year (2006-2007). Nominations will be accepted after the spring break. Fiona Sadowski has already expressed an interest in being nominated again for SSC.

Long Range Plan – The notes from the staff meeting on March 28th were distributed. This meeting was devoted to brainstorming ideas for the Long Range Plan. The posters for parental input will be posted in the GLC during the Family Science Night. A suggestion was made to also have them available for parents during the Cultural Fair in May. The Long Range Plan will be completed next fall.

Suggestions/Ideas

Dale brought up the possibility of converting to an all day Kindergarten with a student teacher ration of 20:1. The hours for Kindergarten would be similar to the primary grades (7:55am-1:55pm). This would require 1-2 additional teachers and classrooms (modulars).

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, All Day Kindergarten, SSC Nominations, Safe Schools Plan, GATE Plan, DAC Report, Plans for next year

Next meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2006, 5:30 p.m. in the staff room

DAC meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2006 9:00-10:30 at Lawson Event Center

Treats – Dale

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen