

**Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2006**

Jim Vaughan called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Attendees included Tracy Burriss, Carla DeMartini, Diana Hoffmeister, Dale Jones, James Liu, Kristen Nelsen, Janet Oshiro, Fiona Sadowski, Charlene Smith, and Jim Vaughan.

Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes from the May 11, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tracy, seconded by Dale, and passed.

Principal's Updates:

There have been some changes since the school year began. There was a reconfiguration to eliminate the K/1 and 2/3 split classes; however, a 1/2 class had to be created. Mr. Oshiro is now teaching a regular education second grade class, and an ELD teacher, Rita Wubker, has been hired to teach the 3rd grade ELD class. Natasha Calvert, who was sharing a contract with Charise Walker, has resigned. Her position has been offered to another teacher who has experience teaching in partnerships. Therefore, two new teachers will be starting on Monday.

We do not have a school psychologist right now, and seven students need assessments. The district is working on finding a psychologist who can help out.

Thirty more students enrolled over the summer, so the music room is now a classroom. The instruments are temporarily being stored on the stage, but we are supposed to be receiving storage closets. Grainne O'Flynn is our new music teacher for the upper grades, and we will have Music for Minors for grades K-3.

Discussion Items:

Budget – We are scheduled to receive a couple block grants from the state. These are one-time funds that can be used for materials, instructional supplies, technology, PE, and the arts. These could be as high as \$60-70 per student. Salaries encumber a large portion of the SIP budget. Dale requested on behalf of the teachers to allocate \$300/primary teacher and \$350/intermediate teacher for classroom funds. These would be discretionary funds to be used for classroom supplies, field trips, etc. With twenty primary teachers and seven upper grade teachers, this would result in an expense of \$8,450. Fiona made a motion to allocate \$8,450 of the SIP funds to be used for classroom funds, Tracy seconded, and the motion passed. This leaves almost \$19,000 in the SIP budget, although the block grants are not yet reflected in the budget.

API Score – As a whole, the results are favorable. We saw an increase in language arts scores in every grade. In math, some grades saw improvement and some did not. The fifth grade science scores increased by 22%. All subgroups (ELD, ethnic, low income, etc.) went up. We will use Just 5 Clicks when it is running to look at sliders, gainers and stickers.

All Day Kindergarten – The Kindergarten teachers report that things are going well, and the longer day has not been a problem for the Kindergartners. The smaller class size should result in these students being better prepared for first grade. The school board wants data such as retention statistics and reading scores to see if this program is beneficial.

Long Range Plan – Dale prepared a rough draft of the Long Range Plan (2006-2010) based on the parent survey, input from parents on the charts displayed at evening events, and the staff. There are five goals, each with specific and measurable objectives and strategies of implementation. The plan will be revised and possibly be ready for approval at next month's meeting

Plans for the year – The ACE after school program will be offered again to Title I students who are struggling academically. There will also be four enrichment classes (cooking, technology, sports and art), which will be open to all students. ACE classes will run 3 days/week for five weeks, with a break during conferences. The City of Cupertino will be providing classes as well on Fridays.

Deborah Meier will be at Nimitz on October 12th. She has 50 years of experience and her specialty is low-income, Title One kids. She will visit Nimitz during the day to speak with teachers and will give a community presentation in the evening. The topic will be Effective Instruction for Title I students.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Long Range Plan, and DAC Report

Next meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2006, 5:30 p.m. in the staff room.
DAC Meeting October 4, 2006, 9:00 a.m. at Montclair GLC

Treats – Fiona

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen