

**Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2006**

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

Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes from the September 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Charlene, seconded by Diana, and passed.

Principal's Updates:

Discussion Items:

Budget – The budget has not changed a great deal from the last meeting. The teacher grants (\$8,450) voted on at the September SSC meeting have been added to the SIP budget. Expenses for technology (ink cartridges at \$1,403) and field trips/supplies at an expense of \$6,596 have also been added. The SIP balance is \$17,805.

First Grade Teacher Request – The first grade teachers would like to purchase materials for the Social Studies Alive! program from the Teachers' Curriculum Institute. These materials include a small textbook, slides, a binder with lessons, and a workbook. The cost is \$625 for two sets. This expense could be covered by one of the block grants when they come in. Tracy made a motion to purchase the Social Studies Alive! materials, Diana seconded, and the motion carried.

Title One Plan – The Title One Plan needs to be updated for this school year. There are staffing changes that need to be added to this year's plan. We also need to be specific about money used for materials and staff development. For this reason, we need to do some advance planning on materials we will need. A good portion of the Title One money is spent on the ACE program and staff development. The funds must be focused on reading or math, not science. The plan should be ready for the SSC to review at the November meeting.

Long Range Plan: There have been some changes made to the Long Range Plan. Under Goal 1, the Teaching Tolerance curriculum is no longer listed. Sara Biyabani on the Diversity Task Force will be looking at additional programs, and the teachers will be selecting one soon. Goal 2 has been changed to include writing, so reading skills has been changed to literacy skills. Under Measurable Objectives A for Goal 2, school wide writing assessment has been added. The first strategy under Goal 2 now states that reading will be the primary focus for the 06-07 school year. Under Goal 3, the second strategy has been changed to state that teachers will encourage parents to volunteer in their child's classroom or across the school. Using data from STAR tests, the leadership team has determined that we need to focus staff development on math. Therefore, all strategies for Goal 4 will be addressed in the 07-08 school year. The first strategy under

Goal 5 has been eliminated since PTA can't fund music along with ACE. James Liu made a motion to approve the Long Range Plan as amended, Carla seconded, and it passed.

DAC Report – The structure of the DAC meeting has changed. Principals are no longer attending, and the DAC will now be primarily composed of parents. Enrollment in the district is up by 390 students from last year. The district is addressing our growth by hiring a demographer to help make projections, which will help with facilities planning. The STAR results were discussed. In language arts, 82% of students in the district scored proficient or higher. For math, 86% are at least proficient and, for science, 72% are proficient or above. This is only the second year that our fifth graders have taken the science portion. The second grade will no longer be taking the STAR test beginning in the 07-08 school year. The next DAC meeting is Wednesday, December 6th. The parent survey will be discussed at this meeting.

SIP Budget Request - Dale made a request for the SSC to allocate some funds to help support the After School Enrichment program. The costs for the first five-week session were \$8,000, and the goal is to have two more sessions, each five weeks in length. The PTA received a grant from one individual of \$10,000 to support this program. PTA will raise additional funds from walkathon, but they can't cover all three sessions. It was suggested that parents could help offset the costs by paying a fee and by volunteering to help teach some of the classes. Scholarships would have to be offered for those families who can't afford to pay. Dale made a motion that we set up a structure with a sliding fee, and that SSC pay up to but not exceeding \$5,000 to help support the After School Enrichment program. Charlene seconded the motion and it passed.

Block Grants – The amounts for the block grants from the state have been revised. The current projections are \$31,000 for the discretionary block grant and \$33,000 for the supply and equipment grant. We should receive 75% of the money in November and the remaining balance in January. Dale asked the SSC to rate the spending priorities and return it to him. We will finalize the priorities at the SSC meeting next month.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Long Range Plan, Title One Plan, and Block Grants

Next meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2006, 5:30 p.m. in the staff room.

Treats – Dale and Diana

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.