

**Nimitz School  
School Site Council Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2006**

Dale Jones called the meeting to order at 5:38 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 October 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Fiona, seconded by Diana, and passed.

**Principal's Updates:**

The Thanksgiving Cultural Feast was a huge success and should be featured on the front page of the Sunnyvale Sun and the Cupertino Courier. Tracy Burriss and Angela Hansen are making plans for a mural on the GLC wall that faces the flagpole. This would be a mixed media mosaic featuring an ocean scene. The students would make sea creatures for the mural in art class.

**Discussion Items:**

**Budget** – The budget has not changed a great deal from the last meeting. The SIP budget expenses increased by \$720 for field trips. The Title One budget expenses were increased by \$76 for instructional supplies and \$4,096 for professional development.

**Block Grants** – There are two block grants, which we are expecting to receive from the state. The discretionary block grant in the amount of \$31,920 can be used on anything SSC approves except personnel. The supply and equipment grant (\$33,060) is to be spent on art, music, and PE supplies. We should be receiving 75% of the funds in the next month. The SSC looked at the prioritized wish list from the staff.

Dale proposed we spend a portion of the discretionary block grant on the library. He would like to start a task force composed of teachers and parents that would look into renovating the library. A significant amount would need to be spent on books, reference materials and technology. The SSC decided \$15,000-\$16,000 of the discretionary block grant should be allocated for library renovation.

The possibility of building a life lab or green house on the Kindergarten playground was discussed. It was decided to pursue a life lab (garden) not to exceed \$2,000.

The fourth and fifth grade classrooms do not have complete sets of literature books. The SSC decided to allocate \$3,000 toward the purchase of new class sets of literature.

The purchase of new classroom computers for students or laptops for teachers was discussed. iMacs can be purchased through the district for \$1,000 and iBooks are \$1,100. James Liu stated that laptops could be purchased for approximately \$440. Dale will

discuss technology at the next staff meeting and report back at the December SSC meeting.

Fiona noted that the small playground structure is in need of repair or replacement. The SSC agreed; however, the purchase of a new playground structure would use up the entire supplies and equipment grant. Other ideas were carts for PE, music systems for classrooms and art programs. We need clarification on exactly what the supply and equipment grant can be used to purchase.

**Title One Plan** – The Title One Plan has been updated from last year. There are two Title One Literacy teachers (Tracy and Sara), one Title One Mathematics Specialist (Ruth), one Title One Literacy Instructional Assistant (Arina) and one Title One Math Instructional Assistant (Sunita). Tracy moved that we approve the Title One Plan, James seconded, and the motion passed.

**Long Range Plan** – Dale presented the final draft of the Long Range Plan. There were minor changes since the last SSC meeting. Diana made a motion to approve the Long Range Plan, Carla seconded, and the motion carried.

**Suggestions/Ideas** – The next DAC meeting is on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Jim Vaughan and Kristen Nelsen are planning to attend.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Block Grants, Parent Survey and DAC Report

Next meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2006, 5:30 p.m. in the staff room.

Treats – Carla

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen