

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

Jim Vaughan called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Attendees included Sara Biyabani, 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 November 16, 2006 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tracy, seconded by James, and passed.

**Principal's Updates:**

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent came to our last staff meeting and answered questions. They plan on attending one staff meeting at each elementary school every year.

**Discussion Items:**

**Budget** – Our Title One budget has been increased by \$12,562 and now is \$225,593. We have a balance of \$16,118; however, our estimates are high for ACE teacher salaries. Hopefully, the ACE expense will be closer to \$22,000 rather than \$30,000 as is reflected on the current budget.

**Block Grants** – We will hopefully receive the money from the block grants in January or February. The SSC reviewed the Teacher Tech Survey. There is a need for students to be able to have internet and computer access for research projects. It was decided this could best be accomplished in one of three ways: additional computers in the library, upgrade the existing computer lab, or have a portable lab for classroom use. The choice should allow maximum usability and equity. Dale will discuss these ideas at the next staff meeting and report back at the January SSC meeting. If we decide to add computers to the library, the library task force could work on this effort.

**Kindergarten Class Size Reduction** – The Kindergarten Class Size Reduction Report for the district was reviewed. It will be beneficial to compare the results to last year.

**Parent Survey** – It was decided to review the minutes from last year regarding the parent survey at the January SSC meeting. Kristen will find any information regarding the discussions about the survey last year and bring it to our next meeting.

**DAC Meeting Report** - The superintendent attended the meeting and has two areas of focus: student achievement and school funding. Even though our district as a whole scores very high on the STAR tests, there are students who are scoring quite low. He would like to focus on bringing these children up, so that they don't fall through the cracks. He would also like to concentrate on equalization of school funding. He wants to work with legislators to put laws in place to adequately fund schools. He will be starting

a letter writing campaign in our community.

There is a concern among the DAC representatives that we are not adequately preparing our students for the Grade 5 Science STAR test because our district scored at 72% proficiency. There will be a Science textbook adoption for Grades 6-8 in 2007 and Grades K-5 in 2008.

Mary Jew shared information about the Community-Based English Tutorial (CBET) program for parents with children in ELD programs in our schools. This is a free program in which parents receive English language instruction, and they are required to provide English language tutoring to English learners. The classes will be offered at Muir and De Vargas.

**Suggestions/Ideas** – The next DAC meeting is on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Meyerholz. James Liu will be attending the district board meetings to follow the discussions on growth in our district and how the plans may affect enrollment at Nimitz.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Block Grants, and Parent Survey  
Next meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2007, 5:30 p.m. in the staff room.

Treats – Carla

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen