

Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2007

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

Minutes from Previous Meetings:

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

Principal's Updates:

There was an incident in the parking lot today where a driver lost control of her vehicle and ended up crashing into trees, the GLC, three steel poles and a fence. Thankfully, no one was hurt. We need to constantly remind parents about traffic safety around Nimitz. Unsafe driving such as illegal u-turns, speeding, double-parking, jay walking, etc. has been observed on Cascade. We could use five more parent volunteers to help at cross walks and at valet.

Discussion Items:

Budget – The budget has not changed since our December SSC meeting.

Block Grants – The library task force is planning on visiting the libraries at De Vargas, McAuliffe, and Lincoln on January 24th. The task force would like to first weed out obsolete books in our library and then purchase new books, add more computers to be used by students as well as parents, and make the library a more usable, friendly environment. The library task force is comprised of parents and teachers: Sara Biyabani, Tracy Burriss, Sherry Gallatin, Mrs. Morwood, Charlene Smith, and Jeanette Yama. Kay Gallagher, the district librarian, will also be assisting.

Parent Survey – The SSC reviewed the data regarding online submissions of the parent survey from 2006. A number of parents completed the survey but never hit the submit button. Some people may be hesitant to submit online; however, we do offer a hardcopy of the survey that can be filled out anonymously. The SSC decided to keep the survey the same as last year in order to be able to compare data. It was decided to offer the survey in Japanese (if we can find a translator) in addition to Chinese and Spanish. The survey will go out the first week in March and be due before the spring recess. Dale and Kristen will work on ideas for a new incentive, since we have run out of the pencils from last year.

School Plan – The school plan is due in April, so we hope to have the SSC approve it at the March meeting. Copies of last year's school plan were distributed for the members to review, so it can be discussed at the February meeting. The goals of reading, writing and math will stay the same. Our school's focus for the 2007-08 school year will be math.

Suggestions/Ideas – It was decided to move the next SSC meeting from February 8th to February 15th, so it does not conflict with fifth grade science camp.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Block Grants, Parent Survey and School Plan
Next meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2007, 5:30 p.m. in the staff room.

February Treats – Jim

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen