

Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2007

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 January 11, 2007 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tracy, seconded by Carla, and passed.

Principal's Updates:

Discussion Items:

Budget – The changes to the budget are the addition of the Block Grants.

Block Grants – The discretionary block grant is in the amount of \$48,313. We have received 75% of the funds, and they have been distributed according to the priorities already established by the School Site Council. The majority of this block grant will be used for the library improvement project. The itemized budget for the discretionary block grant is as follows: library books in the amount of \$14,000, classroom literature sets and math manipulatives at \$9,313, technology for the library research center at \$14,000, library furniture at \$2,000, \$5,000 for a greenhouse to establish a life sciences lab, and \$4,000 for library improvement, such as carpet and paint. Tracy moved that we accept the proposal for the block grant. James seconded, and it was voted upon and passed.

A second block grant for art and music in the amount of \$8,673 was discussed. This grant can be used for personnel. Dale proposed that Nimitz use this money to pay for our art specialist, Angela Hansen, to free up PTA funds. Diana moved that this grant money be used to pay for our art specialist, Fiona seconded, and the motion passed.

Parent Survey – The parent survey will be similar to last year's, so we can compare the results. Two questions will be added about the Title One program and After School Enrichment classes. The questions from the district can be removed, so that will help shorten the survey. The survey will be offered in Japanese (if we can find a translator) in addition to Chinese and Spanish. The SSC decided to make the survey available on March 1st and have it due before the Spring Recess.

Math Assessment: The first goal in our School Plan is to show improvement in mathematics. In the past, the MARS math assessment was used as one of the means of evaluating progress in math. Dale proposed that we replace the MARS test with our own school-wide math assessment. Our math specialist, Ruth Johnson, will be responsible for designing the tests. These assessments will be done twice a year in order to hopefully see

growth through the year and find areas where we need to improve. The reason for this change is the issues with the MARS scoring process. The advantage to our own site-based test will be that our time will be focused on our own Nimitz students. This should allow us to correct errors in our program, especially since our focus will be math in the 2007-2008 school year. These changes will be reflected in the School Plan.

School Plan – Tracy noted that the after school enrichment program needs to be added to the School Plan. The School Plan will be ready for the SSC to approve at the March meeting. Last year’s school plan was distributed at the January SSC meeting, so the SSC can email Dale and Kristen with any suggestions. The School Plan needs to be sent to the district in April.

Suggestions/Ideas – James noted that Kindergarten registration at Stocklmeir is already at 130 students. The current plan to help with the growth is to use the property adjacent to Stocklmeir, which is currently being leased. Dale noted that the Nimitz Kindergarten registration is at 85 students, so Nimitz could potentially need to add one more Kindergarten class next year

The traffic issues were discussed. Fiona requested that an article be placed in the Dolphin regarding the traffic and crosswalk safety in front of the school on Cheyenne.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Block Grants, Parent Survey and School Plan

Next meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2007, 5:30 p.m. in the staff room.

Next DAC meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 9:00 am in the Meyerholz GLC

March Treats – Charlene

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen