

**Nimitz School**  
**School Site Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2007**

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

**Minutes from Previous Meetings:**

The minutes from the April 5, 2007 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Fiona, seconded by Charlene, and passed.

**Principal's Updates:**

Dale shared country posters made by the first graders for the Cultural Festival. He also shared stories written by first graders.

Monday's staff learning day will be spent on mathematics instruction, since this will be our school's focus for the 2007-2008 school year. Ruth Johnson will be presenting. There will be a library task force meeting in the afternoon, which Kay Gallagher will be attending.

**Discussion Items:**

**Budget** – The SIP budget has not changed significantly since the April SSC meeting. For the Title One budget, the ACE payroll expenses were \$9,000 less than originally estimated. This leaves a balance of \$11,711, which can be carried over to the next school year. The Title One Allocation given to us for the 2007-2008 school year is \$110,538. These funds are never supposed to be cut by more than 15%. This would be a 51% decrease, which would result in major personnel cuts. This number is preliminary and will hopefully increase significantly when we receive our budget next year.

**Block Grants** – We have received \$22,825 of our Art/Music/PE Grant, which is 75% of the total. Most of these funds will be used to pay Angela Hansen, our art teacher, and for the purchase of music supplies.

**Parent Survey** – The results of the parent survey from 05-06 and 06-07 were handed out. We received 235 responses this year compared to 195 last year. There was some confusion regarding the standards-based report card and some requests for more parent-teacher conferences. A suggestion was made to look into the possibility of having a parent conference in lieu of one of the report cards. Fiona suggested we separate the comments by grade level next year. Kristen noted that approximately 70 people chose not to respond to questions 16 and 18 probably due to the wording of the questions. These questions should be reworded in next year's survey.

**Gate Plan** – Dale presented a new GATE plan for 2006-2007. Our previous GATE plan was not in the correct format. The SSC reviewed the new plan and found two typos. James made a motion to approve the GATE plan as amended and Carla seconded. It was

voted upon and passed.

**New SSC Members** –Four SSC members were voted in for the 2007-2009 term. These are Sharmistha Ghosh, David Korn, James Liu, and Rosa Fuller. Peggy Korn has volunteered to be an alternate. Tracy Burriss will continue on SSC as a staff member.

**Safe Schools Plan** –The SSC reviewed the Safe Schools Plan for June 2007-June 2008. James suggested we add the following three items: maintain hygiene in bathrooms, provide rodent and insect control, and practice safe food handling procedures. Diana made a motion to approve the plan as amended. It was seconded by Fiona and passed.

**Planning for next year** –Next year our focus will be math. Two modulars will be delivered over the summer. One will be for an additional classroom and the other will be for music. Nimitz is a summer school site. Summer school will run until July 20<sup>th</sup>. School begins on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Ishikawa is retiring and will be replaced by a Kindergarten teacher from another school. Charise Walker will be the union president and will be replaced by a teacher from another school.

**Suggestions/Ideas** – A comment was made that there is a perception that parents can choose their child's teacher for the following school year. Dale stated that teachers make the class lists and that parent requests for teachers are ignored.

The SSC said goodbye and thank you to our outgoing members: Carla DeMartini, Diana Hoffmeister, Janet Oshiro, Charlene Smith, Jim and Susannah Vaughan.

There will be no June meeting.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, API Score, and Elect SSC Officers

Next meeting: September 13, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen