

**Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2007**

Dale Jones called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Attendees included Judith Barnes, Maria Bennett, Tracy Burriss, Sharmistha Ghosh, Dale Jones, David Korn, James Liu, Kristen Nelsen, Jim Rhee, Fiona Sadowski, and Susannah Vaughan.

Minutes from Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the May 10, 2007 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were voted upon and approved.

Principal's Updates:

Two weeks ago we reconfigured classes resulting in the elimination of two split classes. This affected the enrollment in five classes. It occurred much earlier than last year and was a smooth transition. We have several new teachers this year: Judith Barnes (4th /5th grade), Michael Quadro who is sharing Charise Walker's second grade class, Lisa Rice (1st grade), and Kim Adams will be tutoring Title I students.

Discussion Items:

Budget – The Title One budget is \$157,830. The Title I budget comes from federal funds based on low-income students who receive free or reduced lunch. Nimitz must use the money to give services to Title I students. The services are determined by academic need, rather than income level. The students primarily receive help with reading. We use Title One funds to help pay the salaries of the program coordinator, Barton coordinator, a math specialist, and two contracted reading specialists. The district pays two of our Title One employees. Title One funds are also used for Professional Development, Title One Parent Education, and to pay teachers of ACE after school classes. Our Title One allocation is approximately \$67,700 less than last year. This is due to the fact that more schools now receive Title One funds, so the amount the district receives is divided between more schools. A motion to approve the Title One budget was made by Susannah and seconded by James. It was voted upon and passed.

The SIP budget of \$50,265 is similar to last year. We use SIP funds to help pay for our PE teacher, program coordinator, art teacher and library media clerk. The district will pay our technology media clerk this year as part of a technology pilot program. We have a balance of about \$30,000 in SIP funds, which we need to allocate. A staff survey revealed that Classroom funds (for field trips, subscriptions for students, supplies, and curricula) were the top priority, with instructional supplies and technology second and third. We receive a small budget from the district for supplies, but we will need help from both PTA and SSC for supplies this year. Last year primary teachers received \$300 from SSC and intermediate teachers received \$350 in classroom funds. Dale suggested that we increase this amount to \$350/primary teacher and \$450/intermediate teacher. This would result in an expense of \$10,600. Since both technology and instructional supplies were high priorities by the staff, Dale suggested we allocate \$15,000 for both.

This would leave about \$4,000 left in the reserve. Susannah made a motion to allocate \$10,600 for classroom funds and \$15,000 for supplies (instructional and technology). Tracy seconded, and it was voted upon and passed.

API Score – Dale presented an explanation for the drop in our API scores. In 2006, we had 58 English Language Learners (ELL's) take the STAR and in 2007, we had 108 ELL's take STAR. This is an increase of 50 ELL students. Even though the percentage of ELL's scoring in the Far Below Basic (FBB) range in Language Arts decreased (28% in 2006 and 19% in 2007), we had 20 more students score in the FBB range because we had 50 more ELL students taking the test.

Elect Chairperson, Secretary, and DAC rep – David Korn was elected chairperson, and Sharmistha Ghosh is the Vice-Chair. Kristen was elected secretary and DAC rep., with Susannah Vaughan being the DAC rep. alternate.

Plans for Next Year – Math will be the priority for the 2007-2008 school year. The Staff Learning Day on September 28th will focus on the new social studies adoption. During the May Learning Day (May 12th), Greg Tang, a math specialist, will present at Nimitz. Parents are always welcome to attend these sessions.

Suggestions/Ideas – Jim Rhee suggested that we perform a more in-depth study of the parent survey this year. He suggested we give the staff reports by grade level. He also suggested that we publicize not only our results, but also our specific solutions to address parent concerns.

James Liu suggested we put SSC minutes, budgets and agendas on the website.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Title One Plan, and DAC Report

Next meeting: October 11, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen