

**Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2007**

David Korn called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Attendees included Judith Barnes, Maria Bennett, Tracy Burriss, Sharmistha Ghosh, Dale Jones, David Korn, James Liu, Kristen Nelsen, and Jim Rhee.

Minutes from Previous Meetings:

The minutes from the September 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were voted upon and approved.

Principal's Updates:

The Staff Learning Day on September 28th focused on the new social studies adoption. Teachers went to grade level presentations. Our teachers' professional development this year will concentrate on math, as that is our school's focus this school year.

Discussion Items:

Budget – PTA has \$2,500, which is going to be spent on the purchase of books. We have used \$13,757 of the block grants for the purchase of books, not including shipping and tax. The total for teachers' classroom libraries is \$5,579. This number will be slightly higher due to new teachers who did not get to order last year.

We will want to follow a process for spending the remainder of the music, art, and PE block grant.

Title One Plan – The primary interventions for our Title One students are focused on reading, especially in the primary grades. This is accomplished through the Barton Reading program, two reading specialists (Tracy Burriss & Kim Adams), and the ACE after-school program for small group instruction. Ruth Johnson trains teachers and staff during in-service days to provide math support for Title One. Parent education is another component of Title One. We will have Pat Belvel lead a parent training class. Professional development is another part of the Title One program where staff receives training. In order for money to be spent on the above-mentioned, it has to be listed in the Title 1 Plan.

Comments: Math Night should be included under Parent Involvement. The goals for the STAR scores should be increased to a percentage that is higher than what has already been achieved. The SSC discussed how we should measure achievement. Should we write a goal that is specific to STAR achievement for our Title 1 students? Dale will revise the goals to reflect this last point, and the SSC will approve online.

DAC Report – The minutes from the September 26th DAC meeting were distributed. The thin client solution for technology in the classroom was discussed.

Suggestions/Ideas – David Korn proposed homework for the SSC. We should bring thoughts to the next SSC meeting about what we need to do to improve the school and specific plans for what needs to happen to work toward the SSC goals. We should take data from the parent survey, have the staff share at an SSC meeting what their needs are and what they are doing in their classrooms, and get a student perspective. We need to investigate ways for SSC to invite parents and staff to come and voice issues. In order to gain parent input for the Long Range Plan, posters were displayed for parent comments at multiple events. We need to brainstorm great ways to obtain feedback from parents, students and staff. We will make a plan next month.

Tracy suggested that we also look at addressing the needs of our higher achieving students. We could challenge them with something like the Math Olympiads program.

James mentioned that PTA approved the purchase of four digital projector carts.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, Title One Plan, and SSC Goals

Next meeting: November 8, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Burriss and Kristen Nelsen