

**Nimitz School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2007**

David Korn called the meeting to order at 5:37 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 October 11, 2007 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Maria, seconded by Sharmistha, and passed.

Principal's Updates:

The survey results on bullying at Nimitz were distributed. The percentage of 2nd and 3rd grade students reporting being physically bullied has decreased from last year (19% to 12%). Forty-seven percent of upper grade students that were surveyed reported being verbally and/or physically bullied. This is about the average for the district. The numbers for the rest of the state are much higher. The SSC discussed programs to address bullying but decided that continued use of regular classroom meetings are the best way for us to support our students regarding this issue.

Discussion Items:

Budget – The SSC and Title I budgets have not changed significantly from the October meeting. We just received our ELAP (ELD Upper Grade) budget at \$7,415. The majority of the ELAP funds are spent on professional development. We sent three ELD teachers and one aide to the Dyslexia Conference in Dallas. The Title V funds (TBD) are for innovative programs. These funds are usually minimal and are used on curriculum.

Title One Plan – The Title One Plan does not officially have to be approved by the SSC, but Dale would like the SSC to review and give input on it each year. The Title I Plan with revisions to the Title I goals regarding STAR results was approved online.

RTI – Response to Intervention (RTI) is a part of the new revision of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Schools will no longer be required to take into consideration whether a child has a severe discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability. RTI provides for early intervention beginning in Kindergarten to hopefully prevent the need for special education services later on. The district is not mandating RTI and Meyerholz and De Vargas are our only CUSD schools currently implementing the program. Dale is going to an RTI conference to gain more information. RTI may fit nicely with our Title I program already in place.

CDC Preschool – CDC, our after-school daycare provider, has asked us to consider allowing them to start a preschool for 3-4 year olds at Nimitz. They would like to start the program in January. The preschool would run from 9am-12pm daily with 20-40 students. It would target our low-income families and provide early literacy activities.

The impact on our students, playground and facilities will be discussed at the next staff meeting.

SSC Goals – We will discuss the implementation and plans for our SSC goals at the December meeting.

Suggestions/Ideas – James Liu mentioned three goals regarding technology that he would like to see implemented. First, update the classroom computers and provide teachers with laptops. Second, help all families get online at home. Third, augment the curriculum with online homework and interactive tools.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Budget, RTI Update, CDC Update, SSC Goals and DAC Report

Next meeting: December 13, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Nelsen