

Minutes of Site Council  
Sycamore Elementary School  
August 8, 2013

Present: Ken Graff (KG), Principal (non voting member)  
Erica Irby (EI), Assistant to the Principal (non voting member)  
Sarah Irvin (SI), certified member  
Melanie Stewart (MS), certified member  
Mary Fosdick (MF), parent member-president  
Rob Edwards (RE), parent member  
Michael Quezada (MQ), parent member  
Shane Clark (SC), parent member

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Fosdick called the meeting to order at 16:40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Reports

a. Member Reports:

i. PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

- 1. MF noted that PTA was not represented at meeting. KG will discuss with new PTA President, Jennifer Sullivan
- 2. The bike rodeo was a smooth event, approximately 100 students in attendance, which was a slight decrease from previous year.
- 3. KG reported there is about \$8,000 in PTA account. Fundraising goal for the year is an I-Pad Mobile Lab. PTA is hoping to raise \$20,000 from Read-A-Thon.
- 4. PTA purchased an inflatable screen, 3 Movie Nights are planned for the school year. A power strip will be placed on the back wall so all functionalities can be run.
- 5. PTA made \$400 at Parking Lot Sale.
- 6. PTA added a Spring Run in addition to Spooky Run.

ii. Vail Education Foundation

- 1. Magazine Sales-\$2.50 per subscription will come back to VEF.
- 2. Grants can be sought by teachers.

- b. Administrative Reports:
  - i. 12 new staff members were hired for 2013-2014 School Year.
  - ii. Open House was successful as was 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.
  - iii. Steep Screening will take place Tuesday which will denote which students needs intervention of Title I: 18% of kindergarten/22% 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>/10% 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>-words per minute reading , fluency check.
  - iv. Specialists Classes-
    - 1. SUMS brought back, integration of math and science. Based on the AIMS results, school needs to strengthen math and science.
  - v. After-School Programs
    - 1. Job Fair is this Friday morning, students can attend to fill out applications for various clubs.
  - vi. Music
    - 1. Band & Strings for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.
    - 2. Choir for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.
  - vii. Student Council
    - 1. Elections are starting, campaigning in process with speeches on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - viii. After-School Tutoring
    - 1. Available for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, should start next week. Math/Reading Group to meet 1 time a week with additional instruction for students who need it.
  - ix. Sycamore maintained it's A label.
    - 1. District had A scores across the board.
  - x. Beyond Textbooks
    - 1. Aids 80+ school districts.
- c. Call to the Public
  - i. There was no public present at the meeting.
- d. Recognitions
  - i. RE recognized the Front Office Staff for smooth management of parking lot.
  - ii. KG recognized the parents for going along with the parking lot management.
  - iii. MF recognized the Front Office Staff for 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.
  - iv. MF recognized KG and Staff for Open House.

- v. MF (for Tori Janes) recognized Christina Garcia for how much she cares and KG for doing it all because Vail and Sycamore are lucky to have him.
- vi. Erica Irby recognized Keri Harvie for organizing well and Nicki Holwinski for organizing and coordinating the Bike Rodeo.
- vii. Brian Turner and Georgia Johnson recognized for in-service on Google Docs, helped teachers. Ms. Johnson has done well building the spreadsheets.
- viii. KG recognized Christina Garcia, Tori Janes, Melanie Eastman for doing an amazing job as office staff.
- ix. Erica Irby and Krista Fields recognized for Love & Logic training in effort to positively redirect students to become problem solvers.
- x. Jose Montijo recognized for all he does.

## 2. Old Business

- A. 2013-2014 Enrollment Update
  - a. KG stated there is room to grow in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, low in 5<sup>th</sup>.
- B. 2013-2014 Certified/Classified Update
  - a. Hope to have Ms. Knappenberger's position filled soon.
  - b. All Classified Staff positions are filled.
  - c. Jennifer Gorjidoz is new inclusion specialist.
- C. Facilities Update
  - a. New Building. Pre-School Parking Lot, all rooms are up and running.
    - i. 2 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 1 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 ELP Class, 1 Speech, 1 Resource in New Building

## 3. New Business

- A. School Goals
  - a. Moving toward a more problem-solving emphasis.
- B. AIMS Results
  - a. School went up in Reading, down a few points in math
  - b. School is lowest in district for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math
  - c. 2 Point dip in Math, 4 point increase in Language Arts.
  - d. PARK Testing in 2 phases
    - i. February will be paper/pencil exam.
    - ii. April will be computer exam.
- C. Calendar of Events
  - a. Grade Performances
  - b. Band and Choir Performances
  - c. PTA Events

d. Spaghetti Dinner to help explain Tax Credit

4. Agenda Items

A. Check Contact Information

5. Next Meeting: The next site council meeting will be held on September 12, 2013 at 4:30pm in the Community Room.

6. Adjournment:

A. MF motioned to adjourn, The motion was seconded.