

Valle Verde Site Council Minutes January 21, 2010

Meeting began at 3:00 pm

Meeting was held at Valle Verde.

Present: Barb Andrews, Blaine Carter, Joan Cuneo, Julie Henderson, Giles Hinchliff, Carolyn Kreuzscher, Julie Rattaro, Casey Sullivan, and Craig Yen

Tim Murphy did contact Carolyn and stated that he would not be in attendance.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Minutes reviewed from November
- Minutes reviewed and we made a few amendments to it (i.e. Tim Murphy attended last meeting) Motion carried unanimously. YES – 9 No – 0. Corrected minutes will be corrected and submitted by Mrs. Kreuzscher.
- Will email corrected minutes to Mrs. Kreuzscher.

WELCOME AND UPDATE ON SCHOOL EVENTS

- Hands on Equation
 - 5th grade felt comfortable as had been using and has attended training in the past
 - Not adopted core material
 - Next meeting perhaps we can see a demo and how it is used.
 - 5 teachers did attend the training
 - 2 third grade teachers and 3 fourth grade teachers trained
- Board Math
 - Not a program per se... system of delivery.
 - Based off the work of the student.
 - From assessments ... noting weaknesses
 - Looking as to what we're previewing
 - Assessments drive the board
 - Walnut Acres nor Bancroft have taken the step towards Board Math yet
 - Each of the strands is reviewed each day
 - Choral and oral
 - EL students / Gate students ... varied difficulty levels
 - Review and preview
 - Training and white board provided for those that are trained
- Today and Yesterday (Today visitation from Principals)

- Yesterday had a meeting with teachers from Bancroft and Walnut Acres (our Northgate feeder group patterns)
 - Strengthen teaching
 - Strengthen coordination
 - Teachers get to know each other
 - Collaboration time
 - How they're working and how they're delivering the new math adoption
 - Teachers met within each of the grade levels
 - Strengths and weaknesses of the adoption
 - Mrs. Kreuscher shared the notes from each of the grade levels with Site Council
 - Many of the teachers visiting did visit the rooms with the board math boards
- Visitation with Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Mayo
 - Did visit each of the classrooms
 - Did talk about Board Math
- Reading First Grant Visitation (Last Friday, 1/15)
 - With Ellen Terminello and Calla Van Buskirk
 - Concentration to the special education
 - Our teachers agreed to be part of this
 - Amazed at what they saw
- Conferences
 - Education is a team sport
 - Well attended
 - Encourage people to keep communication open with the teachers
- Geography Bee
 - Recently held
 - Each 4th and 5th grade had 18 students participating
 - Thursday, 4th grade preliminary was held
 - Friday, 5th grade preliminary was held
 - Then finals were held
 - Students congratulated on their breadth of knowledge and their inferencing skills
- Spelling Bee
- Spellathon
- Learning environment
 - Viking Rewards
 - Are reviewing the Safety Plan which will be due in March
 - Parent Ed Tech Night
 - Postponed which was going to be held on 1/20/10
- Other
 - New superintendent is coming
 - New leadership
 - For next time
 - Let's do a walk through of campus

- Visit and see some of those things that are happening within the campus
 - Distinguished school
 - Mrs. Kreuscher just trained for
 - Nice to be able to see some of the practices put into effect at these schools
- Celebrate!
 - Award shared!
 - Mrs. Kreuscher shared the banner with site council. Will hang soon.
 - Been doing this since 2005... VV has received each year except one CBEE Honor Roll Awards:
 - 2005 CBEE Scholar School
 - 2007 CBEE Scholar School
 - 2008 CBEE Scholar School
 - 2009 CBEE Scholar School
 - California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School for 2009
 - www.cbee.org (CBEE website)

BUDGET

- Status of the budget shared
 - Districts throughout California are making cuts
 - Pleasanton, Alameda, Los Angeles
 - MDUSD webpage
 - May want to review for board dockets with all the meetings and the agendas
 - Spreadsheet with the proposed cuts shared
 - At the meeting they had thought that \$17 million needed to be cut and now shows \$35 million need to be cut
 - Agenda with more proposed cuts to be put out with docket

VV BUDGET

- ● \$10,000 currently in the holding account to allocated (4315) to allocate
- ● Proposal \$7,000 to PTA to support the Tech 1 position for 2009 – 2010 school year. Keep 3 days for teacher collaboration for 2009 – 2010 year.
 - Do we have the money for board math, boards, and stuff?
 - Can look at the budget for instructional supplies to pull from
 - Conversation agreement at the PTA meeting is that we would discuss if we could take on additional salaries.
 - Stated as to those salaries that have been taken on by PTA
 - Tech 1 position
 - 4 instructional assistants
 - Computer Assistant Position
 - Have offered 9.5 hours
 - PASSED Yes – 9 No – 0
- Carolyn stated that she placed \$1,000 towards the field trip admissions

- Fourth grade coming forward with overnight trip and other trips coming forward
 - \$120 per child for overnight trip to Coloma, 5/27 – 5/28
- Stated that PTA's funds for field trip admissions had been exhausted by fifth grade camp
- Discussed using money to purchase sound systems (Classroom Audio Technology)
 - This was discussed with staff at recent staff meeting and teacher consensus was that they would like it within their classrooms.
 - Julie and Joanie reported that the student attention and the use of them have worked well within their rooms
 - Research based have shown that it is a significant learning tool that can make a difference in learning
 - Currently
 - In classrooms where student has an IEP for hearing problem or auditory processing disorder
 - Helps much with attention and listening
 - Cost
 - \$1004 for 1 system
 - Redcat
 - <http://www.lightspeed-tek.com>
 - Discretionary & Nell Soto money has been placed in Furniture/equipment \$500-\$9,999 (instructional) (\$11,808.20)
 - Other money and negotiation done with company to see if we can equip all 17 classrooms with a system.

OTHER

- Results from Survey Monkey have come in and will be reviewed at the next meeting
- Try to review by-laws for next meeting. We'll review.
- Next math assessment
- Bring in grade level notes for next meeting
- Next meeting scheduled for February 18. Giles Hinchliff cannot make it on the 18th. Carolyn states that she currently has jury duty on the 18th.

Meeting ended at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Craig Yen