

Foothill Site Council Minutes  
February 14, 2012

Members Present:

April Bush, Charlie Litten, Cathy Sechrist, Sally Anderson, Ryan Henderson, Mary Nagore, Mike Noce, Chris Hoshaw, Sue Noce, Gracie Lauborough, Dylan Kupush, JoAnn Cooper, Betsy Ortiz, and Patty Cochran.

Meeting Began: 3:03 p.m.

Welcome Charlie Litten called the meeting to order.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Public Comment - No public comment

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mike Noce moved to accept the minutes of January 10, 2012  
Chris Hoshaw seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

Old Business --

- Back Pack Update --
  - Mrs. Bush and faculty shared the Staff Development Day experiment of weighing backpacks and discussing of what is needed in a backpack. Teachers stated that they find that students are reluctant to clean out their backpacks. We will continue to investigate avenues to decrease the weight of the backpacks.
  - Mrs. Bush shared the new student planner that actually weighs almost 8 ounces less than the current student planner.
- Budget:
  - Mrs. Bush announced that the Superintendent will be presenting a discussion on the budget at Northgate High School on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. Our feeder pattern is invited to attend this meeting.
  - Mrs. Bush presented a small portion of the budget that is funded through ADA. The slide showed what funding we should be receiving, what funding we are receiving, and if the initiative in November does not pass what we will receive. The initiative is to raise other taxes so that the State can pay school districts what they owe. This does not mean we are increasing funding but getting what is owed to the district.
  - Computer Lab the PFA is proposing to purchase 37 new laptops for the computer lab and then the older laptops will be put on 2 COWS – Computers on Wheels- for the English Language Arts Department.
  - 33:1 Science and Math Classes. The PFA will continue to request funding to be able to cover additional sections. On Tuesday February 21 at 3 p.m. the PFA will be reviewing their budget to determine the needs.
  - Workbooks for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have previously been funded through PFA at \$18,000 a year. The SLBIG budget will need to pick up this cost next year. The faculty is reviewing how we can use the books and not have them become “consumables”. \$18,000 could cover at least one section of a science and math size reduction.
  - Librarian – currently the PFA picks up the second day of the librarian, which is about \$20,000 a year or \$500 per day. After reviewing usage of the library, and computer lab, it was found that the library is not being used by very many teachers. This is due to the library only being open 2 days and the drop rotation schedule, which makes scheduling time in the library difficult. This will be on the PFA Budget review agenda. Discussion ensued regarding the need of the l and how times have changed how children use the library.

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**New Business:**

- 2012-2013 Psych Intern

Charlie Litten moved to fund a Psych Intern for one day a week for the 2012-2013 school year. Cathy Sechrist seconded the motion.

Discussion regarding testing for special education and who would pay for this testing if the SLBIG budget did not. The question was not answered although assumed the district would then have to pick up the cost.

Motion passed

- Vision Statement:
  - Mrs Bush presented the Foothill Mission Statement and that we would be working in our Vision statement or goals. Site council members were asked to write their goals/visions for Foothill on post it notes.
  - At the next meeting we will group these ideas into themes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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