

Muir Community Council

Minutes for March 9, 2011

Muir Elementary Media Center, 8:00 p.m.

Members present: Derek Sainsbury, Jeanette Peterson, Ginger Sommers, Jason and Mikel Curry, Kristen Robinson, Heidi Busk, Liz Mumford, Alane White, Lindsey Smith, Stephanie Miner, Angela Moon, Nancy Lima, Jan Rawlins

Welcome: Derek Sainsbury

Approve Minutes from February: Liz, Jason motioned to approve posted minutes, sustained

Council Business:

Parent Survey: CC, PTA, and faculty are collaborating on a school wide survey. 20-30% response rate reported by district for online surveys, CC discussion still seemed to lean toward a digital survey. Need input for questions to Derek ASAP. Suggested Timeline: Final draft by Friday, reviewed by faculty and district, submitted to Jason for creation on Survey Monkey, Due date for response by the end of March, discuss results at next meeting and publish results to the community.

Discussion on survey led to parent communication in general... effectiveness of newsletter, use of twitter, email, facebook, Weekly email of FAQs.

Safety: Traffic ... follow-up on suggestion to move crosswalk

Crosswalk suggestion will be in SNAP plan, need grant for folding signs to use on field trip and snow days.

Principal's Business: Jan Rawlins

Community Care nomination forms distributed

Discussed priority list of items for grant requests and trustlands: sound system in gym and updates in classrooms, document cameras, projectors in pods, Portable computer lab, AR funding

Trustlands due in late April (vote at next meeting) continue current expenditures and add funding to maintain AR library on-line

PTA Minute: Lindsey Joy Smith

Grant items are arriving, PTA will provide recognition labels

Reading week upcoming

PTA will provide Maturation program treats

PTA will provide a 6th grade graduation party

Moving the carnival to the early fall

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Change in Fundraising

Adopt a Book earned \$600+

Will need to fundraise this spring for 2011/2012 FT in place of Sally Foster

Will await survey results, tentatively planning to communicate a suggested donation per student with a list of typical field trips funded per grade level. (\$12?)

Curriculum:

Parent education tips included in the monthly email. Targeting skill practice with second graders in coordination with the teachers, will continue a monthly math recess. March date TBD.

Community Outreach/Grants:

Approaching local businesses with small grants and in-kind requests

Larger grants in progress as they come available

Kennecott/Rio Tinto Grant... Jason will check on deadlines, Contact from Derek

Other items of business: Discussion of children at SEP's, teachers have the option of excusing the child to conference privately, do we need to have a private discussion as a component of all SEP's to standardize,??? Better teacher training to effectively use SEP time, avoid putting children in awkward situations. Jan will follow up on this issue with teachers.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2011 @8:00 p.m.