

Green Elementary
School Site Council (SSC) Meeting - 10/13/08

Minutes

Attendees - Timothy Dale, Principal

Jack Sampier, President
Heather Williams, Secretary
Annette Fox
Joe Frescatore
Michelle Hackley
Dawna Hermanson
Laura Kirsch
Kyle Scroggins
Liz Wright

2:35pm Jack calls meeting to order

1. Reviewed 9/29/08 meeting minutes. Michele Hackley moved to have the 6:13pm minutes amended to add "Teachers must turn in written consent for release of GATE funds by the SSC's November meeting." Annette seconds. Motion to amend the minutes passed.

2. Heather asks about salaries and Grants etc. mentioned within SSC paperwork. Mr. Dale explained salaries are showing where added support is coming from for the school, but that the SSC is not paying for these positions. From the multiple categorical programs listed under the SSC's responsibilities, School Based Coordinated Program [SBCP] (Resource Code 72500), GATE funding, and Discretionary Block Grant (Resource Code 73960) are the states top programs that fund the SSC. Each year these programs can vary with amounts available due to the economy and budget. Majority of SSC's funding comes from Resource Code 72500.

2. Mr. Dale explained that the SSC is the only council that oversees and signs a budget. SSC monitors student achievement by following the plan that is given to the council by the school districts board of supervisors.

3. Mr. Dale mentions that there could be a \$13 billion mid-year budget cut in education for the state of California. The current economy and housing foreclosure problem is a factor in the money that comes to the school via property taxes etc.

By-Laws Review

1. Article I, Section A – The council shall be composed of 10 members minimum, selected by their peers, as follows: 3 classroom teachers, 1 Principal, 1 'Other' employee, 5 parents.

2. Article II, Section B – wording for council members term limits will be amended at next SSC meeting in order to research wording using the Green school Governance Team’s by-laws as an example.
3. Article II, Section F – Remove “...or the seating of a previously elected alternate member to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant seat.” Motioned by Michele H., Dawna H. seconds. Motion passed.
4. Article V, Section A – Meetings changed to read: “The council shall meet at least once a calendar month with date of following meeting be determined at the time of current meeting with no more than 6 weeks lapse between meetings.” Motioned by Michele H., Dawna H. seconds. Motion passed.
5. Article V, Section B – Place of Meetings changed to read: “The council shall hold its regular meetings at a predetermined location at Green Elementary. Alternate meetings places may be determined by the chairperson or by majority vote of council.” Motioned by Dawna H., motion second. Motion passed.

Mr. Dale reviews School Site Plan

Goals for Literacy and Math, with emphasis in English Language Arts. A goal of 73% for African American students (the recommended target group).

Our school showed .8% Literacy drop and a 4% increase in Math. Our 5th grade students (4th grade at time of testing) generally test low. The results show that the SSC funding of a full-time teacher for pull-out/class reduction were not significant in a positive or a negative.

The Gates-MacGinitie data, from Data Director was shown as another tool that can show the growth of 3rd-5th grade students.

SSC council discussed options regarding the departure of J. MacDonald. The Plan now calls for students from K-5 be included, not just 4th & 5th grades. Options discussed were:

1. ELD (English Language Development) push-in to help students understand the English language for students designated as ESL (English as Second Language).
2. Part-time position to help in classrooms. Cost: \$40,000. Type of person:
 - a. Retired teacher, and/or long-term substitute (credentialed). Concern that there will too many hats for this person.
3. Reading software for all students. Examples:
 - a. Voyager. Interactive software that has shown to be successful and motivating for students. Cost: \$100 per student/per book plus 30 min. instruction. Free on-line access for all students that can be used at school and at home. Time: 25 minutes. Negatives: Kinders need more software support and lack enough time.
 - b. Ticket to Read/Excelerated Reader. Interactive reading program a little like Reader Rabbit. Keeps students interested in program (like Voyager). Cost: \$500 per grade level.

Michele H. motioned to keep 4th and 5th grade class-size reduction position. Dawna H. seconds. Motion did not pass.

SSC will meet again Monday, October 27th at 5:30 pm to discuss options now that class-size reduction position is not going to be filled.

Joe. F. and Mr. Dale will bring software options to next meeting for Reading and Math.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.