

**Montgomery Site Council Minutes
September 8, 2008**

Meeting starts: 6:37 p.m.

Attendance: Ryan Bezerra, Howard Kornblum, Sarah Neville-Morgan, Amanda Walsh, Shelly Wickwire, Karen Wallender, Bob Bain, Cheri Burau, Richard Villarreal

Public Comment:

Shelly spoke about class configuration for the 2008-2009 school year. MME has two new combo classes this year, a K/1 and a 1/2, due in part to Valley Oak students (10-12) and the fact that we were one of the districts overflow schools. Over the last 3-4 years there has been a shift in demographics at MME, currently one third to one half of new students are English Learners. The administration and the teachers are striving to create balanced classrooms within our diverse MME community.

Approval of June 5, 2008 Minutes

Motion: approve the minutes

Proposed by Karen Wallender, seconded by Cheri Burau

Approved 6-0

Member Reports:

ELAC- No new report.

GATE- No new report.

PTA- See attached minutes

School Climate- No meeting.

Spanish Immersion- No new report.

SAC- No new report.

DAC- No Meeting

Announcements: None

New Business:

2008-2009 Focus:

WRITE Institute: A team of teachers went to the WRITE Institute this summer, to learn new strategies for teaching students to write. This team of lead teachers will then train the rest of the MME staff. Amy Teaford will work with the 2/3 teachers and Julie Webb

will work with the K/1 teachers. This ongoing professional development is intended to increase student achievement in writing. The program teaches students to write in genres (expository/response to literature) and compliments GLAD. The program guides writing instruction by providing strategies for English Learners and examples of what teachers should expect from different English Learner levels. The district has supported this program by providing 30,000 dollars towards the Institute MME teachers attended this summer. The Site Council will need to determine how we can support this program in the future.

STAR Report/Analysis: MME- API Score was 925 (white sub group), however there are still gaps in achievement for English language learners, specifically our Hispanic English learner population. Shelly needs to continue to analyze the data and will present more information at the next Site Council meeting.

EL Program Update: This programs purpose is to close the achievement gaps and ensure the proficiency of all students. This year there were 148 students who were CELDT tested. 30% of these students were classified as English Learners. We need to focus on achievement of our Hispanic English Learner population in order to avoid program improvement next year. Our English Learner population scored 66 points higher than the previous year on the STAR Test 2008-but our Hispanic Ethnic learner sub group went down by 8 points. This is a concern and Shelly is going to continue to review the data and come up with strategies to help this sub group.

EL Pilot Update: The district paid for several MME teachers to attend the WRITE institute this summer, but they are only funding one teacher for the EL Pilot program. Additionally, UC Davis will not be evaluating the EL Pilot program this year.

Budget:

Currently, we have a lot of money invested in substitute teachers in order to provide release time for teachers participating in professional and curriculum development. Cheri Burau presented a letter from third through sixth grade teachers at MME. The teachers discussed the need for math support in the upper grades. Site Council then discussed the need to have credentialed teachers working with students below proficiency. After reviewing the percentage of students below proficiency in math the following motion was made by Site Council:

Howard Kornblum motioned to eliminate funds for para-professional support for math intervention.

Sarah Neville seconded the motion

Motion passed

Ryan Bezzer motioned to increase a math support position to a .5 position using Title 1, EIA, and SLIB

Sarah Neville seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Agenda Development:

- *Data/STAR Analysis/CELDT Scores
- *Budget

Meeting Adjournment: 8:19 p.m.

Ryan Bezzer motioned to adjourn.
Cheri Bureau seconded the motion.

Addendum

September 8, 2008
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Board Meeting
Minutes

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Sue Shepps at 7:05PM.

Present: Shelly Wickwire, Amy Lemmo, Sue Shepps, Rebecca Keller, Lauren Clancy, Elizabeth Moon, Amanda Walsh, Stephanie Rubinstein, Liz Shorts, Tricia Bosco, Tracie Bezerra, Diane Muller, Amy Brugger, Stacy Lovitt, Michelle McKim, Charla Kordana, Susan Rivera, Eloise Klementich, Nancy Peterson, Rachel Riely, Rachel Hartsough, Bart Wise, Lauren Brandy, Catherine Brooks, Richard Harris

I. Welcome

- ◆ The first meeting of the year began with all present introducing themselves and a warm welcome given by the PTA Co-Presidents Sue Shepps and Tracie Bezerra.

II. School Board Presentation on Measure W

- ◆ School Board Member Richard Harris explained the various aspects of Measure W that will come before the public on election day. He explained that Measure W is a 3 year parcel tax for up to \$120 per parcel and for multiunit parcels \$50 per unit. The money raised through the parcel tax will be exclusively for programs already supported by our schools. These current

2008-2009 programs were made possible by the Davis School Foundation's fundraising efforts from last spring (2008). The amount collected will be determined on a year to year basis, but will not exceed \$120 p/parcel. A Citizen's Advisory Committee will be put in place to have oversight that the funds collected are used appropriately.

- ◆ Nancy Peterson requested for the PTA to endorse Measure W. Amy Brugger moved to have the PTA endorse Measure W. Liz Shorts seconded the motion. The motion was passed with one abstention.

III. Approvals

Meeting Minutes- Trisha Bosco made a motion to ratify June's minutes and Amy Lemmo seconded. Motion was passed.

2008-2009 PTA Budget-

- ◆ A discussion on adoption of a proposed budget for the 2008-2009 school year was led by the treasurer Diane Muller. Members present discussed the reduction in monies necessary for our music program, as the school will be providing more support for a school wide program. PTA will offset the cost of the copier for \$2000 as well as provide assistance for teachers to obtain a substitute for professional development purposes. Liz Shorts requested an additional fundraiser for the fall- Shopping Boutique. As the cost will be under \$500 the item was able to be added to the proposed budget.
- ◆ Amy Lemmo made a motion to approve the proposed 2008-2009 Budget. Charla Kordana seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Audit Report- Amy Brugger examined and completed an audit of the financial records of the treasurer of Marguerite Montgomery Elementary PTA on July 29,2008 and found them correct. Charla Kordana made a motion to approve the Audit Report. Liz Shorts seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ratify Check Disbursements- Charla Kordana made a motion to ratify disbursements made in June. Amy Lemmo seconded the motion and the motion passed.

IV. Member Reports

Teachers (Lauren Clancy)

- ◆ Classroom doors will be painted within the next trimester. Teachers request that all advertisement postings be placed on windows and not the doors as the paint will peel off.
- ◆ Teacher's expressed their appreciation for the beginning of the year luncheon.

Principal(Shelly Wickwire)

- ◆ School Wide Climate Program has been instituted. This is a positive/proactive program that teaches children to care for themselves

and others. Mustang Marvels, a red ticket, is a component of the school wide program that is given by supervising adults on campus to those students they observe doing what is right, either in maintaining our school or assisting/caring for other students.

- ◆ Playground rules have tightened this year. The principal is working with groups of students in the 5th/6th grades to institute playground rules for popular games, such as pogo, that enable all students to play and understand the rules in a safe and positive atmosphere.
- ◆ Sound system has been installed.
- ◆ A partnership with the Yolo County Library is becoming a reality. This means that we will have a drop box for books, extra library hours and delivery possibilities from our county library to MME. A MOU is being worked on currently.
- ◆ Art Grants were provided for all classrooms to have an enriched art program with artists in the area.
- ◆ Star Results
 - A discussion of our school's API scores and how those scores breakdown according to subgroups was had.
 - Principal Wickwire wanted to stress how important diversity is to a positive school climate and learning opportunity for all our students.
 - Our school has experienced a shifting in demographics, but has been steady in the number of EL students for the last 3 years.
 - We are fortunate to have the Bridge Foundation on campus to provide free after school homework and mentoring to our at-risk/low-income students.

VP Fundraising (Liz Shorts)

- ◆ Farm Fresh to You (a Capay Valley Farm produce program) is offering to donate \$30 to our school for each family that signs up to receive fresh farm produce weekly delivered to their homes.
- ◆ Innisbrook (Amanda Walsh) will go out on Monday, orders are due by September 29th, money by October 5th. Helping hands will be needed to assist with the smooth running of this fundraiser.

VP Community Events-(Catherine Brooks)

- ◆ Bike Rodeo sponsored by the police department of Davis will be Wednesday September 10th at 1:45 PM on the playground. Volunteers are needed.
- ◆ There is still some discussion on what to do to accompany the book fair this year, instead of a pasta feed. Some ideas were tossed out, but no consensus was achieved. Will come back to this issue at the October 6th meeting.

VP Communications(Michelle McKim)

- ◆ Michelle McKim provided a detailed explanation of the process to make submissions to the Round Table Newsletter and the Pony Express. A flyer has been included for reference.

Treasurer-(Diane Muller)

- ◆ Items for the treasurer to discuss were done so during the Approval time on the Agenda.

Special People-

- ◆ Michelle McKim gave an update on the school marquee. The marquee is physically in Davis. It will be installed at no cost by the DJUSD maintenance department under the tree by the kindergarten rooms.
- ◆ Michelle McKim provided us with exciting news from Box Tops, that they have partnered with Target to provide extra incentive for each group of 30 box tops received during a special promotional period.

V. Announcements-

- ◆ Bicycle Rodeo- September 10th
- ◆ Running Club starts- September 18th
- ◆ Fall Fundraiser- September 15th-29th

VI. Adjournment- Sue Shepp adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Moon