

Montgomery Site Council Minutes
November 13, 2008

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Comment [01]:

Meeting starts: 7:20 p.m.

Attendance: Ryan Bezerra, Amanda Walsh, Shelly Wickwire, Karen Wallender, Bob Bain, Nora Brazil, Sarah Neville-Morgan, Cheri Burau, Sonja Contreras

Public Comment:

Our Site Council needs to revise our bylaws on membership to be in compliance with CPM. Richard Villarreal has resigned from Site Council which means Bob Bain will now be a voting member.

MME will now have a Yolo County Library drop box. It will be placed in the middle of the concrete circle next to the parking lot.

Approval of Oct. 16, 2008 Minutes

Motion: approve the minutes

Proposed by Karen Wallender, seconded by Shelly Wickwire

Approved 6-0

Member Reports:

ELAC- A record number of parents attended the November ELAC meeting. Parents expressed concern for their child's education. They recognize that parent participation is an important component to their child's success in school. Shelly is working on scheduling presentations for ELAC focusing on nutrition and how to help with homework.

GATE- Not attended by Site Council member.

PTA- See attached minutes

School Climate- Procedures and policies were revised by the School Climate committee and handed out to the MME Staff. Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of outside intercoms at MME. Students and staff now have new locations to line up during an evacuation.

A parent at MME is in the process of writing a proposal to PG&E that would allow MME to earn credit for the reduction in carbon units used by families in our school boundaries

Spanish Immersion- No Meeting

SAC- Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2008

DAC- Discussion of School Site Plans: How do you revise a Site Plan, Site Plan due in early January. Changes to our Site Plan will include: Universal Access, English Language Pilot, WRITE Institute.

Announcements: None

New Business:

Universal Access-

- *2nd round of rotations will begin after Thanksgiving
- *The focus will be on writing.
- *What should or should not be our next step?
- *There is ongoing evaluation of the program and planning regarding how to best serve our students.
- *3rd grade is using extensions from the WRITE Institute
- *4-6 grades are using the GATE curriculum
- *Staff is collaborating and planning lessons based on student needs.
- *Each student is getting the curriculum they need.

EL Pilot Update: We will discuss the EL Pilot program at the next Site Council meeting.

Budget: There will be a 10-20 percent cut in the budget. We could have mid year cuts from the State.

Site Council Elections Update: Nora Brazil and Sonia Contreras are our two new Site Council members from the staff.

Agenda Development:

- *Budget/Site Plan Timeline/Summary of Changes
- *EL Pilot Update
- *Spanish Immersion
- *Chair Elect

Meeting Adjournment:

Shelly Wickwire motioned to adjourn.

Sarah Neville-Morgan seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Addendum

November 10, 2008
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Board Meeting
Minutes

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Sue Shepps at 7:04 PM.

Present: Amy Lemmo, Sue Shepps, Rebecca Keller, Lauren Clancy, Elizabeth Moon, Stephanie Rubinstein, Liz Shorts, Tracie Bezerra, Diane Muller, Susan Rivera, Eloise Klementich, Rachel Riely, Catherine Brooks, Melinda Grow, Ali Gosende, Amy Brugger, Shelly Wickwire, Vanessa Jacobs, Lauren Brandy, Amanda Walsh, Charla Kordana

I. Welcome

- ◆ Sue Shepps began the meeting with a quick introduction and welcome.

II. Approvals

Meeting Minutes- Stephanie Rubinstien made a motion to ratify October's minutes and Amy Lemmo seconded. Motion was passed.

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

III. Member Reports

Principal(Shelly Wickwire)

- ◆ Questions were brought up to the principal about the Universal Access program and how it will work with the Spanish immersion program. Principal Wickwire explained that the Universal Access program would begin for the SI program during the 2nd half of 2nd grade. Also, the 3rd graders in Senora Contreras class have already begun a parallel UA program in their class.
- ◆ Further questions and discussion followed by all present about how teachers can communicate more clearly what is occurring during this time of UA and how some parents felt like there was little information provided by the school as to what their children were actually doing during this block of time. Lauren Clancy, graciously provided a teachers' perspective on how they haven't really felt confident to share too much information until just within the last week when they were able to have time to reflect and evaluate what they began 6 weeks prior. She felt that most teachers will feel more open to communicating about UA now that they have one term completed.
- ◆ A PE Specialist will be joining our staff within a week or so to assist with bringing PE to our students and guiding the implementation of a new PE

curriculum throughout the rest of the year. A PE curriculum will also be chosen. As of right now there are two programs that are being compared (1) SPARKS- a skilled based/standards based/material diverse program in which all children are moving all the time. (2) GAME DAY AT SCHOOL-a game oriented/balls& cones with what is perceived as easier to implement because there are fewer materials needed. The cost of either program is comparable at @\$13,000 for the purchase of materials, equipment and teacher program implementation binders. Teachers are possibly thinking of implementing SPARKS for K-2 and GAME DAY AT SCHOOL for 3-6.

- ◆ Principal Wickwire wished to thank everyone for helping pass Measure W.
- ◆ Also, Principal Wickwire thanked Book Fair and parents for all the fun and the conference week treats.

Teachers (Lauren Clancy)

- ◆ Lauren Clancy speaking on behalf of all the teachers wanted to thank the PTA for providing books at the fair for all the teachers. Everyone loved being able to get books for their classrooms, and some of the upper grades were able to get full class sets.
- ◆ Lauren Clancy requested clarification and dates for 'Teacher Outings' to be offered at the auction. She also volunteered to organize it. Yvonne Evans will assist her and outing dates/events should be ready by February 1st.

VP Fundraising (Liz Shorts)

- ◆ Liz Shorts shared that the GIFT MART is a go. Looking for those interested in volunteering that day. Enough merchants and vendors (about 15) have made a commitment. The GIFT MART will be on Sunday, December 7th from 10 am to 3 pm.

VP Community Events-(Catherine Brooks)

- ◆ Craft Fair is coming together nicely. However, if there is anyone else out there with great ideas that they would like to spear head for the night , you are welcome to come and help out.
- ◆ Math night is still not set. Need some volunteers to work on it.

VP Communications-

- ◆ Kudos to Connie Steele for taking on and changing the marquee.
- ◆ The extra marquee will be mounted on the playground with life skills lessons for the students.
- ◆ All flyers for December are needed before the Thanksgiving break.
- ◆ Deadline for Round-up to go out on December 1st is the next Tuesday, Nov. 18th.
- ◆ Need to know more about the Art/Craft Fair and all publicity information.

Treasurer-(Diane Muller)

- ◆ Jonathan Defty requested money for a few scholarships for those students wishing to enter and run in the annual Turkey Trot. PTA decided that 3 scholarships would be made available to Mr. Defty to give out. Cost per scholarship is \$14-22 each.
- ◆ November's report includes all information up through book fair.

Other Special People-

- ◆ Vanessa Jacobs discussed Beautification Day, coming up on Nov. 15th from 10-3pm. The committee hopes to accomplish installing benches, finishing up the painting of the playground maps, clean up of garden, and putting out some bark in the gardens. Tom Lengtat is hoping to work on the path from the D-E wing, but as it is a larger project it may have to wait until after the holidays. Please come out and help, even for just a short period.
- ◆ Rebecca Keller gave a summary of the book fair: 33 volunteers, made over \$8,000 in sales (HOORAY), gave \$140 to students in need, teachers spent \$2100 on their books, and the library received a blend of books and cash.

IV. Announcements-

- ◆ Coffee with Shelly Friday November 14th
- ◆ November 15th Beautification Day
- ◆ November 17-21 Walker Creek
- ◆ December 7th Gift Mart
- ◆ December 10th Craft Night
- ◆ February 28th Auction (Mardi Gras) at the Vet's Memorial

V. Adjournment- Sue Shepps adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Moon