

**Montgomery Site Council Minutes**  
**October 16, 2008**

**Meeting starts:** 7:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Ryan Bezerra, Howard Kornblum, Amanda Walsh, Shelly Wickwire, Karen Wallender, Bob Bain, Nora Brazil, Elizabeth Moon

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of May 8, 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 October ELAC meeting. The President of DLAC attended the meeting along with about 20 parents. ELAC now has 2 parents who will be co-presidents.

**GATE-** Not attended by Site Council

**PTA-** See attached minutes

**School Climate-** Not attended by Site Council

**Spanish Immersion-** Not attended by Site Council

**SAC-** More discussion of Measure W. The educational programs that were at risk last year of being cut will be at risk again this year if Measure W does not pass. Measure W needs 66% to pass. The Superintendent may have a ‘talk’ in which he discusses the history of parcel taxes and budgets in the district.

**Homework Policy-** There is a group of parents in the district that are trying to change the districts current homework policy. Some parents would like less homework. Parents of junior high and high school students feel like there is not enough collaboration between teachers about how much homework they are giving each night. For example, one teacher may assign 30 minutes of homework/another 60 minutes of homework/20 minutes/etc. which totals a greater amount of time than the districts homework policy recommends.

**DAC-** No Meeting

**Announcements:** None

**New Business:**

**Measure W-** If Measure W does not pass the district will have to make the same cuts to programs that were discussed last Spring (i.e. library/music/science). The districts use of money in the past and the economy could keep Measure W from passing. There is now a public oversight committee that reviews the use of parcel tax money.

**Universal Access-** Universal Access is an extension of English Language Arts which differentiates instruction for all of the students in the school. UA provides targeted instruction to varying academic levels. UA also provides English Learners with English Language Development. Universal Access groups were based on the reading wall that teachers created last year. For grades 1-3 students will move through 5 rotations throughout the year and spend 30 to 40 minutes 4 times a week in their assigned UA class. Curriculum will include writing (based on the WRITE Institute), literature circles, guided reading, Rigby/Houghton Mifflin, all curriculum will be standards based. Grades 4-6 are using some GATE curriculum, hi/lo magazines- which teach students how to respond to literature. Concerns were raised about the number of rotations/standards based curriculum/groupings/communication with parents/differentiation with large groups of students.

**Continuing Business:**

**Budget:** We need to develop a timeline for our Site Plan- budget is due in January.

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

**Agenda Development:**

- \*Budget/Site Plan
- \*EL Pilot Update
- \*UA Update
- \*Measure W Update
- \*Differentiation/GATE: Set date for “What to Expect after 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade”

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Shelly Wickwire motioned to adjourn.  
Amanda Walsh seconded the motion.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**Addendum**

October 6, 2008  
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Board Meeting  
Minutes

**Call to order:**

Meeting called to order by Sue Shepps at 7:09PM.

**Present:** Amy Lemmo, Sue Shepps, Rebecca Keller, Lauren Clancy, Elizabeth Moon, Stephanie Rubinstein, Liz Shorts, Tracie Bezerra, Diane Muller, Stacy Lovitt, Michelle McKim, Susan Rivera, Eloise Klementich, Nancy Peterson, Rachel Riely, Catherine Brooks, Cynthia Kerner, Melinda Grow, Gayle Murray, Cindy Bruch, Ali Gosende, Amy Brugger

**I. Welcome**

- ◆ The meeting began with all present introducing themselves.

**II. Measure W**

- ◆ Nancy Peterson discussed and encouraged the PTA to assist in getting information out about Measure W with the election only weeks away. Nancy Peterson requested volunteers to man a phone bank on the following Tuesday from 5:45- 8 PM, Walk & Talk a neighborhood and to show support through lawn signs.

**III. Approvals**

Meeting Minutes- Liz Shorts made a motion to ratify September's minutes and Catherine Brooks seconded. Motion was passed.

Ratify Check Disbursements- Amy Brugger made a motion to ratify disbursements made in September. Stephanie Rubinstein seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**IV. Member Reports**

Principal(Shelly Wickwire)

- ◆ Lauren Clancy spoke for Principal Wickwire as she was unable to attend the meeting.
- ◆ Lauren Clancy discussed the basic understanding of how Universal Access will work to reach the needs of each student and that the groups are fluid and are assessed after each foundational unit.
- ◆ Parking Issues were discussed. Parking at the drop off points along the main entrance circle and along CDC are becoming a dangerous problem. There are a number of parents parking and leaving their cars in drop off

points. Looking into requesting police assistance after trying placing warning signs on cars.

#### Teachers (Lauren Clancy)

- ◆ Lauren Clancy will request for Shelly Wickwire to provide more information about the Universal Access program.

#### VP Fundraising (Liz Shorts)

- ◆ Holiday Boutique was discussed and a request for those willing to organize and prepare this community wide event. Hoping to provide a holiday shopping experience that is separate and different from others in the community.
- ◆ Montgomery T-shirts: Looking into new shirts for the school. Suggestions were made and taken for businesses that could provide this service.
- ◆ Michelle McKim shared that she will be doing the Target Box Top promotion for our school.

#### VP Community Events-(Catherine Brooks)

- ◆ Our community book fair event is scheduled for Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:15 PM and will be a presentation/Animal Show.
- ◆ A request for volunteers and ideas for our annual Arts&Crafts night went out. The event will take place on Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### VP Communications- none

#### Treasurer-(Diane Muller)

- ◆ Presented our October Treasurer report.
- ◆ Traci Bezerra requested \$99 to fund the registration for the Scripps National Spelling Bee Club for intermediate students on campus to be headed by Ms. Kukis. Amy Lemmo made a motion to accept the request. Susan Rivera seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

#### Other Special People-

- ◆ Michelle McKim discussed the installation of our beautiful new marquee. The company made a mistake and sent us a 3 line marquee, when a 4 line marquee was ordered, so the company will be sending us the one we ordered plus new inserts for free. In essence we will now have two marquees for the price of one.
- ◆ Also, Connie Steele has volunteered to be in charge of posting information on the marquee. She will get the information from the VP of Communications, Charla Kordana.
- ◆ Rebecca Keller discussed how the book fair is shaping up. We have decided that we will be open all day on November 4<sup>th</sup> (election day). Also,

the profit traditionally provided all to the library, will instead be given to the classroom teachers in the form of \$75 ~ \$100 worth of books that they may choose on their own. A special teacher's preview will be held on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> (teacher work day).

- ◆ Gayle Murray discussed that the school directory is coming along and should be ready soon. Also, the membership for this year is down, but will be doing another big push for membership in the coming month.

**V. Announcements-**

- ◆ October 24<sup>th</sup>- deadline to turn in Box Tops for fall drive
- ◆ October 31<sup>st</sup>-Teacher Work Day (no school)
- ◆ November 3-7 – Conference Week/Book Fair
- ◆ February 28<sup>th</sup> Auction (Mardi Gras) at the Vet's Memorial

**VI. Adjournment-** Sue Shepps adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Moon**