

Northridge Elementary SCC Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

1:00 pm

Present: Aubrey Ashdown, Libby Lewis, Liz Ellsworth, Wendy Mitchell, Leslie Randle, Rosie Curtis, Teri Allred, Stephen Bunker, Lovina Roundy, Noel Thomas, Shelley Pierce

Excused: Colleen Philipp, Rosemary Olsen, Kris Bentley

Welcome: Teri Allred

American Pledge of Allegiance: Wendy Mitchell

Reverence: Leslie Randle

Reading of Norms: All members read together

Approval of Minutes: February minutes were sent out to all members to review and submit corrections. Lovina Roundy made a motion to approve minutes. Rosie Curtis gave a 2nd. Voting was unanimous to approve.

District Value: Colleen Philipp was unable to discuss the value "Stewardship in School" as she was gone for personal reasons.

Replacement of Liberty Mason who resigned: Teri sent out an email to remind about SCC meeting and included the following:

Another thing, see if you can think of someone to replace Liberty. Bring names of anyone who would be willing to finish out her term, this year and next year so we can discuss and vote to appoint.

Mindy Stailey was brought to the SCC meeting. There were no objections to her being appointed to the SCC. Voting was unanimous. A copy of Liberty's resignation was passed around for members to read and will be filed in with the January minutes.

SCC Elections: We will have 4 vacancies for next year. We need to get the word out that we will be holding upcoming elections. Teri put some information in the March newsletter as a heads up. It was decided and voted unanimously to:

- 1) Send out a principal message informing all of the upcoming election on Monday April 14th and another on Monday April 21 as a reminder. This would be to let them know of the upcoming election and when they need to have their name in to the principal or Teri or any SCC member that is listed on the website.
- 2) Names need to be turned in by April 22 to have them put on the ballot on April 23.
- 3) The election will be held May 7-9, 2014. Ballots can be sent home with students at the end of the day on Tuesday, May 6 to have them in time to submit their ballots on one of the three days.

We will still need to decide on where to keep the ballot box and how and when to count the votes.

Home Reading: There was extensive discussion about helping out the Home reading program. This was brought up at an earlier meeting. It was unclear whether Trustlands monies could pay for Home Reading or not. Teri asked Paula Plant in an email (will be attached to the minutes) and Paula mentioned that she felt other schools had written it into their SIP and they were approved. Shelley Pierce brought with her some research about the home reading program and how other schools have used Trustlands monies to pay for an aide to run the program, to purchase books, software and offer compensation to any who have worked on creating a new program. Mr Bunker mentioned that he felt the home reading program was valuable and important. Jennifer Fletcher is the PTA volunteer who runs the program. She had

informed Shelley and Teri in previous conversations that she didn't want to be paid nor did she want her husband to receive any funds. They were happy to do it as volunteers. Teri had asked Jennifer to come to the SCC meeting to share her feelings with everyone in which she read a statement (attached to the minutes). Jennifer also expressed that they didn't need any funds for books or computers at this time. Lovina Roundy mentioned the need to put any "aide" money towards classrooms instead of paying a home reading aide. As an SCC we unanimously decided that we would, in the future, fund the needs of the home reading program as they needed it. We also decided that since Jennifer didn't want to be paid, we would honor her wishes. Voted and approved.

School Improvement Plan: On the items that had already been approved, there has been a change made and a vote taken and it was unanimous to approve the change. It was suggested that we discontinue the Brain Pop subscription except for the \$200 for Science and replace it with a math program called Moby Max. Liz brought data from her month of free trial period that showed very positive results. The subscription is \$500 per year.

Other items briefly discussed: We ran out of time to go into detail about the other items on the agenda, however, these items were brought up briefly before we adjourned:

Clickers: Rosie Curtis presented the clickers to the teachers. If they could take the time to train on them, they would be willing to use them.

The teachers were asked what they would like in their classrooms on Professional Development day. It was also suggested that if we get the teachers what they would use in their classrooms, it would be money well spent. For example, we don't have to get everyone smartboards, or iPads, chromebooks, but let them tell us what they would like most and what they would use and then see how we can accommodate them with the funds that we have. As far as Smartboards (\$2,000), these are the ones that would like them, all three 2nd grade classes, Mr. Bunker (3rd grade), both 4th grade classes. 5th and 6th grade teachers didn't want them; however, Mrs. Sulz would like to get Chromebooks in her classroom. Mrs. Geyerman would like the clickers, would be very beneficial in her large classroom. Mrs. Ellsworth would also like a set of clickers. We would need to get 3 sets of clickers, one for Geyerman and one for Ellsworth, and then we would split up the 3rd set between the two so they would have enough for all students in the class.

Scholastic readers was also brought up as something that the teachers would like to have their hands on. Many of them share with other classes, but to have their own set in their classroom would be wonderful. These readers cover many topics per issue. The cost for these is \$2-\$3 per child or \$180 per class per year. This seems like something we would like to do, but will vote on it at our next meeting.

Along with all the technology items that need to be discussed is Professional Development.

Literacy Promise conference – Salt Lake - \$4,500 to send about 4-5 teachers.

Noel Thomas moved that we adjourn our meeting and put the rest of the items on hold to discuss at our next meeting. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2014. 1:00 pm Northridge Elementary Teachers' Lounge. This meeting has been moved up a week due to spring break.