

BONITA CANYON SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2009 MEETING

- I. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Susan Dahlin after having various visitations from 8:30 am.
 - B. Members present: Dr. Robin Beacham, Susan Dahlin, Marlene Dane, Corrine Freeman, Jennifer Gibello, Patty Gray, Kristie Hickok, Tina Hudson, Tim Jamison, Irini Kotsiopoulos, and Dave Mattair. Christy Taylor joined late (approximately 10:30a).
 - C. A hard copy of the previously electronically distributed agenda was distributed.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from March 24, 2009 Meeting
 - A. An electronic copy of the minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting had been distributed previously. Hard copies of the same were available for review. Mr. Jamison moved to approve minutes as presented, Ms. Kotsiopoulos seconded, and none opposed. The minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting were approved.
- III. School and Library Improvement Program (S/LIP) Update and Approval: We did not have a hard copy of the budget. An electronic copy will be distributed and we will take an email vote to approve it.
 - A. SLIP Budget: Dr. Beacham reported we were spending it as it was allocated, but 75% of the amount we had left was appropriated by the district. We were allowed to keep funds allocated for personnel, but 75% of the funds allocated for anything else (e.g. supplies, consultants, professional meetings, Honeycomb, equipment, etc.) was seized. We have about \$800 left. We will still print out the Honeycomb using other funds
 - B. An electronic copy was distributed and an email vote approved the budget on June 12, 2009.
- IV. Old Business – there was no Old Business.
- V. New Business
 - A. Susan Dahlin reported that several people indicated interest in serving on the 2009-2010 SSC, and a ballot sheet was distributed.

B. Discussion of 2009-2010 SSC Schedule – all meetings are initially slated for Tuesdays, but the schedule can be flexible and adjusted at first SSC meeting next school year. The schedule finalization will be deferred until first SSC meeting on October 20, 2009.

C. Visitation Discussion: Thanks to Mrs. Dane and the participating teachers, i.e., Mrs. Bohannon (first grade reading), Mrs. Michelena (fifth grade pioneer simulation), Mrs. Hoegh (5th grade pioneer simulation), and Mrs. Watson (third grade writing process – brain storming, pre-writing web, rough draft, revise, edit, and final).

- i. Discussions ensued regarding Pioneer Day simulation. Mrs. Dane advised that the activities we saw today lead to writing multi-paragraph essays off prompts based on their experiences in these simulations, which are ‘inter-curricular’ in that they cross more than one subject area. Mr. Jamison observed that with simulations the kids not just learn it, but experience it too. Mrs. Gray observed that the students were completely engaged, having fun, an exciting, and learning.
- ii. Mrs. Dahlin observed that the first graders showed wonderful concentration during their reading time, as they were separated into groups, some reading aloud and others working independently.
- iii. Third grade writing was noted as providing an excellent base.

D. Introduction of Parent SSC Candidates

- a. Monique Nunamaker
- b. Po Fu
- c. Natalie Hill – will be on PTA board next year as Parliamentarian
- d. Sholeh Dominick – was not available
- e. Kiu Klauke – was not available, but Mrs. Dahlin read an email that Mrs. Klauke provided;

E. Ballot Election of Parent SSC Members – ballots were distributed, filled out, and collected for counting. The parent members of the 2009-2010 SSC will be: Mrs. Dahlin, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. Mattair, and Mrs. Nunamaker. The alternate parent members will be Mrs. Fu and Mrs. Hill. Mrs. Dahlin was nominated and elected as President of the SSC. The secretary position will be determined from elected members by the first meeting.

F. Tier III funding changes and impact on SLIP: Under the new budget funding program the district will get a lump sum. SLIP doesn't exist, but we will continue to need a SSC because we will still have SIPSA, and will, perhaps, have some allocated funds which the SSC will help determine distribution.

G. Year End Review

1. Mrs. Dane reviewed the goals that were set for each grade level, achievement of those goals, and what worked or didn't, and grade level suggestions for changes if any; how effective were release days, how that supported the goals, and then will review test scores to see if need to tweak goal or refocus; how can we help the students learn/improve;

a. Ms. K advised that two- day grade level meetings helps teaching and learning and other benefits; allows for equal assessment across a grade level.

b. Mrs. Dahlin asked about the new math adoption; discussion ensued. Mrs. Dane advised that the students are able to communicate more effectively; discussion ensued. Staff approves of the program and believes it will become more and more successful especially as both staff and students get used to it. The main concerns from staff are regarding pacing, which should improve with experience.

VI. Reports

A. Principal – Dr. Beacham advised:

- i. Modernization – The district is helping with packing. There will be extra custodial help. It appears we are in good shape.
- ii. Base API was 964 (based on last year's scores) our state-wide rank was 10 (out of 10) and then ranked among similarly situated demographically and also received a 10 out of 10, so BC is considered a 'double 10' school
- iii. The PTA has agreed to cover two release days per teacher next year for grade level planning.

B. PTA

- i. No report from the president.

C. Intervention – no report

VII. Next meeting: The next SSC Meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 8:15am.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned by Susan Dahlin at 11:15am.

Minutes prepared by Corrine Freeman, June 9 and August 5, 2009.