

BONITA CANYON SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2009 MEETING

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 9:35 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, Irimi Kotsiopoulos, Dave Mattair and Cristy Taylor.
 - C. A copy of the previously electronically distributed agenda was distributed.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from February 24, 2009 Meeting
 - A. An electronic copy of the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting had been distributed previously. Hard copies of the same were available for review. Mrs. Dane moved to approve minutes as presented, Mrs. Gray seconded, and none opposed. The minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting were approved.
- III. School and Library Improvement Program (S/LIP) Update and Approval: Dr. Beacham distributed an updated budget.
 - A. Susan Dahlin reported she learned from the school board that 2007-2008 money was gone, but that we may see some of the 2008-2009 frozen monies. The money was taken by the board to cover shortfalls that the state failed to send. Previously, the board would freeze the money, but then give it back. There may be some flexibility on some grant money that would have been considered SLIP, or may be have similar restrictions or requirements as SLIP does now.
 - B. SLIP Budget: Dr. Beacham reported – the \$8469 is frozen and may or may not get some back. Take that amount from the \$21,434 balance remaining and we actually have about \$12,000 remaining.
 - C. Mr. Mattair moved to approve the budget as presented, Mrs. Taylor seconded, and none opposed. The SLIP budget was approved.
- IV. Old Business – there was no Old Business.
- V. New Business

A. Visitation Discussion re “Technology”

- i. Thanks to Mrs. Dane and the participating teachers.
- ii. Mrs. Gray observation: We should be sure to instruct and remind the students that their positioning and use of mouse is important to avoid repetitive stress issues.
- iii. Mrs. Dahlin observation: Orchard software is a nice SLIP addition. It can be upgraded subject by subject at the request of any teacher.
- iv. Orchard is individualized for each student. It is based on California standards, so the students, although not directly related to our text books, are exposed to themes and subjects relating to the standards that will be covered on their STAR tests.
- v. Mr. Jamison explained that he can put an individual assignment together for a particular student, so when he/she logs on, he/she has the particular assignment appears on their screen. The same can be done for an entire class too.
- vi. Mr. Jamison further explained that they are spending more time in Computer Lab doing testing, so they don't have as much time to concentrate on additional skills, although they manage to get some skill work in, e.g., Power Point, etc. The lab is getting more and more efficient, so less time is wasted (e.g., due to malfunctioning equipment, etc.). About 40% of the time is devoted to testing. Each class gets about 40 minutes a week in the lab with their teacher. They also get some library sciences time in the lab, where the librarian can collaborate with the teacher to determine what needs to be done in the lab during library skills, e.g., to finish up things the teacher may not have been able to get to during their lab time and to learn skills depending on what may be coming up in class, e.g., research.
- vii. Document cameras: you can use the document camera to record a demonstration to your computer and show it later, e.g., to a student who missed the demonstration.

- viii. Filtering software is provided by the district and is very strict.

B. Planning for final meeting June 9th

- i. Visitation Plan – Revisit Math? Other?
 - 1. Math and anything the staff would like to highlight.
- ii. Invitation to Parents interested in serving – they should attend last meeting, and then we must vote them in. Invitation will be put in the Bee Informed.
- iii. Election of five parent members (K-3, 4-6).
- iv. Election of Chairperson and Secretary.
- v. Post 2009-2010 Schedule
 - 1. Marlene suggested that we rotate days of the week next year or mix it up, so we our visitations are not impacted by music and science scheduling. First half of the year meeting on Tuesdays and second half on Wednesdays.
 - 2. By next meeting we will have the BC calendar set for next year, so we will be able to establish a SSC calendar.
- vi. Year end review

VI. Reports

A. Principal – Dr. Beacham advised:

- i. Modernization – color board; April 1st is big meeting when M&O will be explaining the process and the schedule. Teachers and library must be packed up by the last day of school.
- ii. Residency verification affidavit forms

B. PTA

- i. No report from the president. However, Jan Hilliard had advised that the PTA earned at least \$140K net at the fund raiser.

C. Intervention – Dr. Beacham reported:

- i. Our programs continue to run smoothly, children are progressing. Many of the technologies we observed today are used for interventions.

D. Legislative/Budget – Mrs. Dahlin reported:

- i. Dr. Beacham and Mrs. Dahlin attended a budget study session at IUSD. The Board has not yet made decisions on how they will address the shortfall, because we don't have final property tax info from the city yet, or federal stimulus money numbers, or know what will happen on May 19th election. If 1A and 1B are not approved, there will be more cuts, but will solidify our basic aid status – which is still being studied to determine how much money IUSD will get. April 7th is a regularly scheduled board meeting and prior to that they will post a budget.
- ii. Mrs. Dahlin further reported that there will be a block grant from the state through the district to each school site over which the site will have some control. Class size reduction flexibility may be implemented which means we will have some bigger classes.
- iii. Check edsources.org for updates from education funding experts analyzing the propositions. The secretary of state web site has them too. All of the proposals are important to school funding. The state PTA has only recently come out with tentative recommendations supporting proposition 1B, but not 1A.,

VII. Next meeting: The next SSC Meeting will be Tuesday, June 9th, 2009, at 8:30am. We will review subjects the teachers wish to highlight for us.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned by Susan Dahlin at 11:20 am.

Minutes prepared by Corrine Freeman, March 24 and 25, and May 27, 2009.