

BONITA CANYON SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2008 MEETING

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 8:35am by Suzy McKown
- Members Present: Geri Aston, Robin Beacham, Mary Brown, Susan Dahlin, Molly Daley, Marlene Dane, Tim Jamison, Irimi Kotsiopoulos and Cristy Taylor

II. Approval of Minutes from November 27, 2007

The minutes of November 27, 2007 were approved.

III. SIP Budget Update

- School Budgets were frozen last week by the State.
- Freeze appears to apply only to “new” spending
- Staff development, modernization and all other previously budgeted items will proceed as scheduled
- Expecting more detailed information as to salaries after 2/10/08.

IV. Old Business

- Review of Action Plan

Marlene Dane addressed the Action Plan for Student Achievement 2007-2008 which now incorporates each individual classes’ “Smart Goals”.

- Our school wide goal is to improve student performance in all content areas, specifically reading readiness, reading fluency and reading comprehension in grades K,2,3 and 4 and further specifically addition/subtraction concepts in Grade 1, algebra and functions in Grade 5 and measurement and geometry in Grade 6.
- The “Action Plan”, as revised November 2007, is currently under review by the District.

V. New Business

- Language Arts visitations were held in the classrooms of Mr. Jamison, Mrs. Gramata, Mr. Ngo and Mrs. Hinkle. Positive comments were made regarding the use of new technology including smart boards, airliners and inter-District sharing of ideas. The technology was noted to be well incorporated into the Language Arts curriculum.

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VI. New Business (cont.)

- The SSC meeting schedule topics will be changed as follows:
Tuesday, March 25 PE/ Fine Arts
Monday, June 2 Technology

VII. Reports

A. Principal Dr. Robin Beacham

1. The PTA General Meeting is 2/01/08 with Representatives of the School District to discuss Modernization. Modernization "Phase I" is on the District schedule for this summer. This will most likely include a double portable and moving the Computer lab to the 6th grade classroom area. The State budget freeze will have no impact on the modernization phase as it is a bonded project.
2. Dr. Beacham along with Mrs. Marquand and the District is working on a new school web site.
3. The school has received money from the State for Physical Education and Fine Arts. We have received Equipment for PE and will shortly receive a Tough Shed for further storage. Recommendations for allocation of the Fine Arts money will be presented for approval by the District in May. Our Fine Arts Representative Ms. Kotsiopoulos will attend a meeting in this regard on 2/07/08.
4. Teacher Acknowledgments:
 - a. Ms. Desai- "Peace Program" leader for the school has used her Teacher of the Year funds toward purchase of Books to advance the peace program and "buzz words"
 - b. Mr. Ngo-a rising star in the "PE curriculum" who will be training throughout the District.
 - c. Mrs. Sandy Jones- Teacher of the Year
5. Physical Education: over 80 percent of our 5th graders were in the "Healthy Fitness Zone" as determined by State Assessment for the year 2006-2007.
6. Irvine City Hall will be hosting the annual Kindergarten information nights on 2/13/08 and 3/12/08.

B. PTA

1. Suzy McKown reminded everyone of the General Meeting, Friday 2/01/08

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2. Nominating Committee is formed. The Council was asked to please forward any recommendations they may have.

3. Yearbook—Mrs. Pipp and Mrs. Marquand are the staff coordinators. Mariam Bina has stepped forward as the parent volunteer and outsourcing will be handled by Cathe Martin.

C. GATE

Mary Brown reported that there is a meeting tonight. Speaker will be Math Specialist, Ed Zaccaro

D. ALEKS

Program is continuing on Wednesdays with reading intervention as well.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Suzy McKown at 10:40am.