

School Site Council Meeting April 22, 2008

1. Attendance:

David, Christine, Nancy, Cathie, Amy, Del, CA, Bonnie, Carla & Sanjay (arrived late)

2. Meeting called to order at 2:45 pm

3. Motion to approve minutes from Mar 18, 2008 meeting – Approved.

4. Meeting Agenda

Budget Discussion

“X” means they agreed to it!

Media specialist is not being cut.

Overall Budget Cuts / Budget Freeze Savings of \$12,599,914 for the entire IUSD

Special Ed program is being reduced by \$500K –

Turtle Rock will be in the second or third wave

Grouping method, works beautifully with PLC

2nd grade classroom, struggling learners, 8 to 12 students with 3 adults, working at their grade levels, just getting information that would pertain to them

Special Ed children, more intense learning, 2 standard deviations below grade levels, special needs, working at third grade level

Response to intervention, suspect learning disability? Student learning process meeting? Full evaluation for special education.

Turtle Rock Endowment

Parent helping with Turtle Rock endowment, fund raising, presently looking for attorneys, for an endowment fund, IPSO, charter? Dad, main goal is to help in times of need, work of the interest, \$25K, private endowment for a public school, hit technology hard, major need area, as well as some staffing issues, no matter where money comes from, we cannot exceed 0.1 FTE per 100 students, we can have 0.8 equivalents

SSC Budget

\$2K left in SSC budget, left for ink and masters class, was not able to do as much staff development for team, looking at data / common assessments, when I (Principal Shane) sat down with every grade level, is not really a dedicated staff, working off each others' strengths, we eliminated PE activities at lunch times, laptop computers were eliminated,

David suggested that teachers can use iPod Touch, instead of a laptop with the additional budget. I seconded it!

Math adoption update given by Amy Bass.

Money is already earmarked, long term test scores, kid percentages have gone down, test scores, current publisher does not do much, the processing is not related. Specifically instructed for publishers who do problem solving for kid percentages, kids have to understand, 66 can be 60 and 6, connections not always there. Final selection committee, unanimous, going with Expressions, McGraw Hill. Deliberated and talked about, supply some training, teacher guide is not really teacher friendly, working out the details, pick and choose what's going to come, first year of adoption, free materials, lifetime. It's nice that they all agree, 3 adoptions, never seen work that they missed, books going to come next September. We hope that they arrive in June, early training may happen before school starts, teacher training, included, all the stuff is on a CD, whole district will be adopting this, totally a different fund,

Next Adoption, Language Arts, adopted in 2009

Free And Reduced Lunch Application, what should we translate? May / June / August ? , articles that were written, first one written by David – Brainstorming on how to market this to parents:

Title 1

- help Turtle Rock save #3 staff, increase \$ per pupil

From

Free and reduced lunch

We need you to apply for free / reduced used lunch

Bullet criteria

- > who qualifies, Is your income <= \$30K (check Title 1 criteria)
- By what date?

Low income families, do you qualify? Lost job or transitions in jobs, moving here?, income changers during school year

TR to lose \$xx,000, leaning towards flat statement, what we want them to do?

Indirect but catchy approach, do we have any response?

Emergency preparedness discussion

- a. staff training
 - a. Training staff, command post, crossing it out, they can walk in and know exactly what's going on, police can go from one school to the other
- b. Procedures
 - a. Irvine

- b. Photographs
- c. Locked down drill, police department, police officers walked away with something good, new perspective on what they should be advising
- d. Sobering comment, how many children have died in fire? None
- e. 70 children killed, intruder on campus , 25 years
- f. We do monthly fire drills and lockdown drills

Traffic Patten

Traffic pattern, input, we have moved traffic, further,
 Flowing faster, some positive aspect, there are some improvements
 Downside, daughter used to walk to school unattended, going up over Amalfi,
 cars go faster as they are coming downhill, cross-walks, lines, one big problem
 Lot of unauthorized U-turns up the hills on both the sides, signing is not clear,
 creates a dangerous situation, lot of people making U-turns on Turtle Rock,
 U-turns, are legal? U-turns are legal 100 yards before Stop sign
 Cops don't see it, "Fifth graders should be walked to school", two blocks, for
 someone to say that my daughter can't walk to school two blocks

David's suggestions:

Speed humps coming down on Amalfi,
 Clear signage for U-turns,
 Move cross-walk on the other side of the street, shorter distance, cross much
 faster,
 Fourth item, creating a true lined cross-walk, no true intersections, across the
 street, true cross-walk

Carla

Then people will not have excuse of not being able to stop
 Cross-walk, amazing how many people are able to stop?
 Wed, parents keep going, they don't stop
 Add a stop sign

Cross-walk, need something flashy, going on for years,

Temporary signage, up the street once to observe it

Next Meeting May 20 at 2:45 pm