

School Site Council Meeting Feb 19, 2008

1. Attendance:

Full attendance. Yea!

2. Meeting called to order at 2:45 pm

3. Motion to approve minutes from December 18, 2007 meeting – Approved – 2:50 pm

4. Meeting Agenda

Principal Shane – and Group – thoughts on being distinguished school again. Five components and strands. Need to respond with detailed examples next time. Two were perhaps weaker.

Title I presentation by Melodee Zamudio

Introduction by Principal Shane

Point at the year for Title I. No Child Left Behind – Law – New name that President Bush brought in. Chapters – refer to certain aspects of school business. Title I – Reading and Math. There are five chapters in all. Whether or not district qualifies for Title I has to do with census data – year 2000. Peoples' level of income is key. Computer model of 2000 census data forward – if community has poverty indicator of 2% or greater, your school becomes eligible. Irvine's average is 4.5% - we are eligible. Federal government has other factors such as welfare system, Cal works, etc. Our total share for the entire IUSD is \$1.476 million. Melodee (and her team) decides which of the schools gets what. What we are required to use is either Cal works (cannot get this), or Free and Reduced Lunch program – count – this we do have. This becomes the eligibility criteria for all schools - Free and Reduced Lunch program. Average for K-6 is 6.5%. And for middle schools – 7-8. Title I not used for high schools. Now, we only look at eligible students. Any multiple criteria as long as somewhat standardized. Homeless children are always eligible. Child identified with learning disability absolutely may get Title I – knows child needs help in reading. Title I – within the year can show CST score below 4 or 5. IEP – Controls this. Parent can say no to not wanting the Title I services. Thing about Title I – supplemental – addition to what's going on. Prepared to show audit trail – identified Title I kids only.

School Site Council can make decisions on particular students becoming eligible or not for extra help. Different strategies.

- a. School Compact – looked at Turtle Rock Family – School Compact.
- b. Parent Involvement Policy – looked at Turtle Rock policy.
- c. Programs and student achievement – 40% movement up to 4 or 5 – e.g. Read 180. Great improvement. Read Naturally. Various other programs for Reading and Math.
- d. Increase free and reduced lunch participation

Melodee's prediction about Title I in future: subset of Title I – Reading 1st. We are not eligible for that. Less money for that particular program. NCLF will continue in some form. Are we making gains on this requirement? AYP - % of kids scoring at your Reading / Math. Most schools are right around 81%. Most districts would kill for that – right now the bar is set at 36%, and would go up to 40%. Using money for all kids.

Principal Shane – make a push for getting back on Title I between now through October 2008, so that we can regain eligibility. Our application in September – must be eye catching. David will help through the newsletter. When Melodee took the count last October, we dipped below the average. It has to go to every parent in the building. Food services gives the numbers. They know this number. Lengthy application – for Free & Reduced Lunch. Vegetarian lunch – can add more options. Who qualifies for Free lunch? Parent income, and number of people in the family. Schools do not know who these families and students are. **We can market the program better to parents, help them with their applications, create workshops, help them with language translation on the forms, put this on the front page, cover letter, setup voice mails, etc.**

Another Topic: Should we let parents know about the Meat Recall? Free and Reduced lunch – does it provide the best quality food? Do we need to be pro-active? Is this really an issue? Proven problem?

Budget

Principal Shane gave an update. School budget has been frozen for this year. Capturing 75% of the budget for a softer landing next year. Right now, working with 25% of the budget available to us for necessary school supplies. For School Site Council - \$560 to spend. Except for lunch time activities – save that money for next year. All our budgets - \$52,000 to spend. Lot of money in IMF. Materials for the school year. We are not spending any of that money. We need this for our textbooks. Science textbooks price went up. Elementary kids funding goes up to \$80. We still need money for Math, and other textbooks. We are cancelling the purchase of laptop computers. We want to protect programs. \$740 per pupil cut - \$18.5 million cut; it could go up to \$20 million. Other districts larger than Irvine predict smaller shortfalls.

Bottomline: Budget freeze. Only 25% of budget available. 90% of budget is for personnel. School board is meeting tonight to discuss this. Classroom size could go up. IPSF would be taking the helms. 5 temporary teachers, many aides we want to absolutely hold on to. We can do Turtle Rock fund raising as PTA or Student council. PTA is non-profit. Joggathon money – last year we did \$48,000. PTA paying some of the salaries. Can we raise more money? We need more money in technology. We need an expert on technology. Principal will be holding staff meetings. Up the pledge drive.

On a positive note, Irvine has survived bankruptcy in many lean, fiscal years. Shooting off spread-sheets to other school districts. Various businesses help us out. It is a dire situation, but looking hard to save costs, and bring in new money. We cannot shut

schools down; if we eliminate class size reductions completely, there could be huge savings. We may have some reserves. City of Irvine may have some reserve funds.

Class size: 4th grade – 20 to 35. Compliance: 20.43 for early grades.

STAR Results TBD

Projects TBD

Next Meeting: March 18, 2008 at 2:45 pm.