



PFC Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Attendees:

1-Sandra Muller
2-Amber Ellison
3-Aleina Wendling
4-Kelli Davis
5-Christine Cowling
6-Terrie Kelley
7-Debbie Sibilla

8-Roxanne Blake
9-Jenny Mesones
10-Kathleen Barsetti
11-Erin Martin
12-Laura Matsuzaki
13-Angie Vickroy
14-Rich Gorton

15-Linda Pete
16- Kayo Alencastre
17- Rhea Karahalios
18-Kayo Alencastre
19- Eileen Mercer
20- Liz Madieros

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Jenny Mesones

Meeting Minute Changes -

Additional words added, "by MDUSD" after Principal Gorton's name in March's President's Report. March meeting minutes passed, - 7:06 by 1st Jenny Mesones, 2nd Aleina Wendling

President's Report: Sandra Muller

A huge thank you goes to Rhea Karahalios and all the volunteers for this year's auction. Sandra has heard tons of positive feedback from the event.

The spring book fair will be held May 19th - 23rd, Roxanne Blake will be taking over for Charlene, as her family is no longer at Hidden Valley. Roxanne has already contacted Scholastic and received some online training via a webinar.

The Book Fair will overlap Open House which is May 22nd.

The bylaws are in the process of being updated, due to a recommendation from the audit/auditor. It is recommended that two signatures be on the receipts of debit card purchases. The wording is in the process of being changed, once done it will be displayed on campus and voted on at Back to School Day.

First day of school next year is scheduled for Monday, August 25th, with this date All in One day is scheduled for August 19th. These dates are tentative.

The PFC has decided to allocate \$4,000 for next year's budget to provide an aid for the transitional kindergarten class. During discussion Aleina Wendling mentioned hearing something regarding state law

(12 to 1 ratio?), mandating that more than a certain amount of 4 year old is one class room qualifies for an aid. Further information shall be researched.

Mr. Gorton mentioned the SSC will be meeting next week to vote on the position, it doesn't mean that they have allocated the money in the SSC budget. The PFC is committing to pay the full amount and seek reimbursement at a later time from School Site Council. This is the best way to secure the position for next year.

The PFC has up until this time been hesitant to take on an additional salary to the budget.

The PFC is committing to a salary for a transitional kindergarten aid position for the 2014-2015 school year. The PFC will initially budget an estimated cost of (but not limited to), \$4,000 for the transitional kindergarten aid position.

Sandra Muller made a motion that the board unanimously agree to fund the transitional kindergarten aid position for the 2014-2015 school year. - Angie Vickroy 2nd the motion. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Teacher Appreciation week projected for May 27th - 30th.

Contra Costa Cinema's is offering us the movie tickets again this year, 9 tickets for \$5. They donate the tickets and the proceeds go to the school.

Open Board Positions:

Co-President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, All in One Day Coordinator, Non Traditional Fundraising, Halloween Party, Bingo Night, Science Fair, Social Chair Coordinator, Talent Show, Missoula Theatre, Movie Night

Principal's Report:

Our new computer lab is coming in. The furniture should arrive April 10th, and the computers have already been delivered. Once the furniture arrives the computers should be up and running for the SVAC tests (computer pilot testing) that will run from April 28th - May 13th.

5th graded science standardized tests will happen May 15th/16th, with make-up days on the 19th/20th. This is a transitional year as STAR testing goes out and the CAST testing comes in, which is a combination of paper and pencil and computer testing.

Mr. Gorton is working with Dina to do an analysis of our computer usage licenses that we currently have, for example Razkids, Lexia

Mr. Gorton spoke with Jennifer Hill the school Psychologist. He is also looking to getting additional support on campus, a site psych intern. He feels the soul shoppe program helps guide children to positive resolutions but we can't control the internal stress a child may have outside of school. We need strategies to help kids manage their stress. Hidden Valley only has a psychologist 2 days a week. He believes this is a critical piece to helping kids manage the stress that they come to school with. He will continue in his research, he predicts this won't happen before the 2015-2016 school year.

Boy Scout Troop 420

Mike Powell (Mt. Diablo Silverado Council) addressed the board with Chris Manning (Club master for Pack 420) thanking the PFC for being their Charter.

Pack 420 is a large pack, 45 Cub Scouts are in the pack ranging from Tigers, to Bears and Weebelo's. A large portion of the pack is Hidden Valley combined with John Swett.

Every year the BSA re-charters the pack. Chris was presented with ribbons for the Pack's achievements.

Dining for Dollars: Eileen Mercer

April dining for dollars is scheduled for Bj's - Monday April 29th - All day. Valid for Dine in, or take out.

Missoula: Eileen Mercer

Missoula, Cinderella, April 7 auditions and older kids will have first practice that day, performances Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Permission slips have been sent out.

Oakland A's fundraiser: Eileen Mercer

Flyers have gone out, we have sold 32 tickets so far.
April 30th is the last day to buy tickets.

Auction Update: Rhea Karahalios

Rhea says thank you to all who helped her with the Auction. Final numbers are not in yet, Total so far brought in was -\$32,899.51, after expenses net income is \$21,646.86. The online auction will run again, there is wine, gift cards and some online gifts left over. Everything will sell at a buy it now price. Everything that didn't sell will be listed on line.

Clean Up Day: Liz Madieros

A campus clean up day is scheduled for Friday April 11th, from 3-5 pm.

Community Garden: Angie Vickroy

HVE has four boxes in the community garden, they need to be maintained. The drip system, the soil needs to be turned over before any class could plant anything. Mrs. Wilk has been the point of contact thus far and is reaching out for someone to take this on.

Teachers Report: Susan Jones

Student council tallied up all the money donated from Hidden Valley students towards the Pennies for Patients program - We donated \$767.00.

4th grade kids will be selling Chico Bags starting April 11th – April 30th, fundraising for 5th grade camp. The bags will be delivered right around Mother's Day.

ELAC:

Yazmin Llamas-Morales came to present to us that June 5th is the Annual Multi Cultural Celebration and the PFC was invited to join the event. There are over 10 languages spoken at Hidden Valley. They feel they have somewhat of a stigma within their group and would like others to join and participate in the event. Flyers are being sent home, the whole school is invited to participate.

ELAC is a state program.

Meeting adjourned - 8:11 pm

Hidden Valley Elementary School
Site Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2014

Roll Call

Present:

Amber Ellison, Gabriela Garcia Flores, Rich Gorton, Stacia McClane, Beth McCoy, Linda Pete, Lorie Robertson, Jennifer Shaw, Tressa Tingley, Lori West, Barbara Wiegand

Absent:

Amber Goss

Public Comment

Rich Gorton introduced himself as the new principal at Hidden Valley Elementary School. Robust conversation ensued.

- Terms of office are expiring for Lori West, Lorie Robertson, Gabriela Garcia Flores and Tressa Tingley. The upcoming vacancies will be noted at the April staff meeting, along with parent candidates being sought via the school newsletter and Monday Memo. The vote will take place at the Open House on May 22, 2014.
- West noted that staff is reviewing the current bell schedule, which may be adjusted in the fall.
- Council discussed how the state's new local control funding formula would impact the site plan; whether undetermined monies will be funneled through district, or go directly the school site. Gorton noted that the apportionment is based on the number of disadvantaged students and thus Mt. Diablo may bode well in the calculation.
- Gorton brought up issues around student discipline and posed "other than punitive, what are we doing to support these kids with chronic behavior issues?" Linda Ford, the sole member of the audience, suggested a psychology intern be reinstated to help diffuse a problem situation by offering that important one-on-one interaction with a student.
- The possibility of installing peace benches as a follow up to the Soul Shoppe curriculum was broached.
- West suggested putting in more welcoming signage to help clarify the school's rules and underscore how Hidden Valley provides a safe and positive environment.
- West suggested having more cross-grade meetings for improved articulation and to have the principal attend more principals' meetings at the district as part of improving communication among the school sites. And, she noted the current confusion as to the utilization of the new report card, which Gorton noted has two goals for each academic standard.
- In the spirit of improved communication, West cited the need for more consistent messages and follow through with regard to intervention technology, such as the availability of Raz Kids, a reading software program. Teachers need to be surveyed as to what they are using to make sure designated funds for technology are being optimally spent. There will be a future need for new computers with the

implementation of Smarter Balance testing, Common Core's online assessment. Linda Pete wanted to make sure that the school had the appropriate infrastructure in place to accommodate the increased need for technology.

- Amber Ellison noted the need for the PFC and school personnel to work together so that the club knows what funds are needed to support curriculum delivery.
- Concurrently, Ford said that there was a need for more small group assistance, consistent with the efficacy of hands on intervention for the early grades and the challenge of finding the time to train such volunteers

Approval of Minutes

Stacia McClane made a motion to approve the minutes from the Dec. 12, 2013 meeting. Beth McCoy seconded the motion. Vote passed 9-0. Two members abstained due to absence from that meeting.

Hiring for the T/K Aide Position

Non-voting member Lorie O'Brian, assistant director of categoricals and school support at the district office, joined the council via phone to ensure the language of the motion reflected the appropriate action.

Linda Pete made a motion to approve the initial allocation of \$2,000 for the hiring of a .20 part-time aide in the transitional kindergarten classroom as reflected in the previously adopted Single Plan for Student Achievement. The motion stipulated that this position was ongoing, was subject to an increased allotment to account for cost increases, and would be matched by a disbursement from the Parent Faculty Club. Beth McCoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (11-0-0).

Adjournment

Lori West made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Linda Pete seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 10.