

CSC MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kent Burger, Bruce Holland, Heidi Stone, Grace Hopley, Lisa Freedberg, Heather Jackson, Leane Poate, Pat Mauser, Mike Adamson, Stacey Shigaya, Zach Bastoky

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GREENING: People from out of town have been coming to see our school grounds. 5th graders will plant a tree this year after continuation for the “One in a million” program. Also discussed were trees being planted among the walkway for \$25/per tree.

PTA: Met this afternoon; 3 different reps from different fundraisers came to present a new fundraiser idea since Sally Foster sales were low this year. A decision should be made in the next month. CSAP party is March 20th from 1:30-3:30 for 3rd-5th graders. Treasurer position has possibly been filled.

SPIE: Looked at the Survey “How do you spend a SPIE dollar.” Top 2 results were “staffing” and “paraprofessionals.” Field trips came up quite low on the survey. Teachers who have websites or newsletters, could you please put the auction on the website/newsletter to help especially new parents come to the school auction. It is not required to stay until midnight; the auction schedule will be out in this week’s Thursday folder. Sponsorships are at half of what we are at last year. Donations are coming in pretty nicely.

SAFETY: Light post conduit can present a safety problem out on Peach Street. Safety patrol was brought up by a parent but is a liability. Crossing guards are trained/certified professionals. Sidewalk monitors might be a possible idea in the future.

BUDGET/STAFFING REVIEW:

We have a balanced budget. One change to be made. All of the classrooms are covered; library and tech position will cover library and tech. lab. District gave us a 1.0 FTE loan for next year's increased enrollment. As of now, the staffing scenario will remain the same as this year. We need to pick up 30 students to fulfill the 1.0 FTE loan from the district. As of now, we are at 18 students to justify the 30 students needed. Staffing calls for a .50 humanities facilitator. The staff recommendation of a .25 facilitator was not approved by the district because there are no other .25 positions of this job code anywhere else in the district. This is what the district can offer us in mill levy dollars. (\$13,195.00) The other position being put into motion is the interventionist position. Staff members felt quite strongly that we needed an interventionist to not only work with students but show best practices to other teachers. Leftover funds (approximately \$5,000.00) will be put towards paras. The SPIE request for funds this year will be for paras. This will be under the special appeals at the auction. First posting will be .5 facilitator (already posted) and .5 interventionist. Closing dates will be June 1st but hiring is expected to be sooner. Have to have a minimum of 3 candidates to interview. Job descriptions are automatically posted with the position. The basic set of questions for the interventionist will be generated since we have never interviewed for this position before. Responsibilities of the facilitator will have to be scaled back because of the new .5 position. The personnel sub committee should meet ahead of time to review the questions to be asked.

Another part of the budget/staffing is student services. Student Services has three main areas: RN, licensed social worker, and student psychologist. This year we have benefited from 1.5 days of a nurse, 2 days of a social worker, and a student psychologist has been on an on need testing basis. The previous child psych from 2 years ago worked 2 days per week. Elementary schools are generally granted 3 days of school services. 2009-2010 has

changed. We can have one day of nurse and 2 other days of social worker or student psychologist. New requirement is a one day minimum of student psych. This comes under the RTI multi-disciplinary approach. Another model talked about with the staff eliminated the social worker position and has 2 days of the child psych position. 1 day of school nurse is non-negotiable. Per diem for school year of school psych. is approximately \$13, 932.00. Carolyn Thiessen our school nurse wanted to advocate the importance of her position that healthy students learn better and provided a lot of resources/services to our students in 1.5 days and is concerned that our school will be cut to 1 day. In addition we have a health para that Kent meets with once a week. We also do Medicaid billing for students that need those services. Kent said he could use possible carry forward dollars in August/September to us for health services. We received \$20,000.00 last year. This year classroom library books and para hours were used for those dollars. This is the best plan for those carry forward dollars at this moment. The para hours for next year will hopefully be maintained for next year.

ELECTION OF MEMBER, 2009/2010:

Bruce Holland and Stacey Shigaya's seats on CSC will need to be voted upon for next year. Committee approved on Kent Burger and Mike Adamson to review paperwork/set timeline for next year's selections. Mike Adamson and Leane Poate will stay on.

INPUT

COMMUNITY: Peggy Lehman's page has a nice page listed on information about coyotes.

PARENT:

It was suggested we have a parent volunteer coordinator for next year.

It was asked we put the CSC minutes online sooner.

Another parent asked if we could have a monthly letter from the principal

-Are we going to do the community forum? (Yes, a date in April will be determined) Maybe a fall forum for next year would be in order for next year. We will ask for the questions from the parents beforehand. We will discuss this further at next CSC meeting.

-10th anniversary of Southmoor celebration. An idea for celebrating this

-70's sock hop will tentatively be April 24th. PTA feels celebration should be collaborative; SPIE can pay for memorative part but not social part. At this event we can recognize parents, faculty who started at Southmoor's reopening. A cake and a mention seems appropriate. We can look at 5th grade parents. Invitations to prior principal and founding families is in order. Lisa Freedberg will run plans by Erin Markham and Kathryn Lepry.

TEACHER/PRINCIPAL INPUT: NONE

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 14th, 6-8:15pm