

# Mill Creek Elementary SAC Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2014

In attendance: Ruben Velasquez, Karen Mahan, Dana Goodson, Karin Thomas, Dana Murray, Sharon Clark, Drew VanZaute, Avita Beatty, Kristen Scott, Rhonda Hammell, Emily Anderson, Synethia Brown, Samantha Gardner, Nerissa Hartford, Kristian Dooley, Robin Lightsey, Willie J. Devlin, Joe Purvis, Daniel Grant, Carlos , Donna Locke, Jamara Washington

Absent: Jessica Kendall, Stephanie Hernandez, Tina Nagel

The meeting was opened by new Co-Chairs Kristin Orr and Tina Larsen at 4.05 p.m. Appreciation given to the overwhelming attendance and response to join SAC. Members were asked to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Question raised about fund disbursement to teachers requesting. Funds based approved based on availability.

Motion to approve Mrs. Brown. Seconded by Nerissa Hartford.

Introductions of members made around the room.

**Budget update** by Rhonda Hammel. Beginning balance 23378.24

Spent: 6557.76

Remaining balance: 16820.47

Reidl commented that she received our fund total from the state this afternoon. These totals will be reflected next meeting.

## **Principal's Report:**

*5 Star Rating:* Avita Beatty explained about the 5-Star school binder and the work involved putting it together. Thanks and appreciation was given to her for the massive amount of work that she completed to make it happen. A committee has been created to work together to complete this for this school year. Myra Medina will complete the Community/Business Partnership section. Sara Borghmeyer will complete the Family Involvement section. Volunteers – Tina Larson, Pam Harris, Mrs. Pearson and student council, and SAC will work together to fill in all other areas. This big book of community involvement will be brought into our next SAC meeting for review.

*Feedback from last year's SAC has been heard.*

Parents want their students to understand what they're participating in (Pennies for Patients, Candygrams, Goodwill Bag It Up, etc.) Kids do it, but don't realize the impact on the community. PTA and Riedl met to explore how to solve this. Answer: Mill Creek Gives Back. A board to be placed where students can view it daily. The board will post projects where money is being raised and students can see/converse/realize the impact they're making.

Also Parent Involvement Day where

*Current student enrollment as of today @ MCE : 1,009*

*Parents want input on the way Math is taught.* Last year's math night was held too late in the school year. As a direct result...

*Learning Together Night, Thurs., Oct 2 (Another to be held in May)*

Parents will be taught lessons in math and writing just like students. Teachers Ms. Orr and Ms. Brown both testified as to how beneficial the night was to parents last year.

Also 3<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will meet with Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Riedl to talk with parents about the FSA. Shifts in teaching will finally make sense to students. The way this new test is framed, students must use multiple select problems, open response, hot text.

Next SAC meeting we will review this new test...beneficial to all parents even those K-2. Typing practice will be integrated into computer resource across the all grade levels to prepare students.

Discussion of how MCE met last year's goals. Gains were made both in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The attendance goal succeeded expectations....96% attendance rate!

This year's goals:

Goal 1: WRITING: Increasing the number of students in writing at the proficient level by focusing on the high yield strategy of feedback through weekly collaboration of identifying the areas of opportunity for each student. We are currently working celebrating narratives throughout the grade levels and moving on to creating units of study for opinion writing.

Goal 2: Mill Creek will increase the percentage of gains of students identified in the lowest quartile in Mathematics by implementing a continuous improvement cycle of data analysis and reflective teaching, using differentiated instructional strategies to meet the needs of individual learners. Math Formative Assessment System. Riedl reviewed tasks on CPALMS to show different teaching strategies to meet the different learning needs of individual students.

Goal 3: Science –Continuing to write more in Science labs, connecting the lab and classroom with world of science class.

Tina Larson discussed importance of SAC member attendance at every SAC meeting. Member commitment is necessary. Rhonda Hammel mentioned that November date could be an issue due to proximity to Thanksgiving. Avita Beatty made the motion to change it from Nov 25 to November 18. Nerissa Hartford seconded. All approved.

March at MCE is Testing Month: FSA Testing/FSA Writes/  
Building will be on quasi-“Shut-down” to assist students with testing.

Parent, Mrs. Dewey applauded school/teacher use of Class DoJo.

Parent, Nerissa Hartford applauded school use of IXL, suggested use of Khan Academy.

Members were thanked for their involvement and attendance. Reminder was given for next SAC meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.