

Mill Creek Elementary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014

In attendance: Gina Cirillo, Amanda Riedl, Carolyn Ramsay, Synethia Brown, Kristin Orr, Avita Beatty, Shannon Millican, Tina Larson, Scott Mitchell, Richard Booth, Donna Locke, Rueben Valesquez, Davidson representative subbing for Loreal Greathouse, Jo Saldana.

Absent: Tracey Peska, excused, Samantha Gardner, unexcused, Sharon Clark, excused, Rhonda Hammel, excused, Nerissa Hartford, excused.

The meeting was opened at 3:30 by Gina Cirillo. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Tina Larson and seconded by Ruben Valesquez. All members were in favor.

Discussion was had regarding the ability to ask for reimbursement of funds from staff who resign within a year of receiving SAC funds for professional development. While it is not possible to ask for reimbursement from staff members should they resign within a year, other options were discussed. Having staff members travel in pairs to all professional development will alleviate the issue of expertise gained from the conference not being utilized should one staff member resign. In addition, it allows for multiple perspectives to be brought back to Mill Creek when more than one staff member attends.

Community goal setting for Mill Creek was discussed next. Multiple ideas were discussed. It was suggested that communication for community charity events be in the form of a sixty second video blog on the Mill Creek website. This would be changed weekly or monthly depending on the event taking place.

Several members suggested involving Nease high school students who may be in need of community service hours. Ideas such as a triathlon event or running club were mentioned. The issue of being able to get out of school and come to Mill Creek was brought up, although several members believe that this is not an issue as students would arrive at Mill Creek during appropriate blocks of time that are approved by Nease. Utilizing middle school students for tutoring was also discussed.

Next, feedback was gained regarding math night from parent members. Consensus was that math night was a very valuable tool and they looked forward to continuation of these community learning events. Most felt that the event could be improved by offering child care services so that the night was strictly for parent learning. Utilizing extended day to help with child care was suggested.

Having Zak Champagne speak to parents to open the first math night of the year and then breaking out to work on case studies was discussed. Receiving the same instruction that teachers have been receiving during math professional development seemed appealing to most. Having more than one night was also thought to be useful so that the learning continued throughout the year. Parents would also like to see a reading night or writer's night as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40.