

**Henry Elementary School  
Site Council Minutes  
February 8, 2011**

Meeting called to Order at 4:10PM

**Members Present:** Jon Ben-Asher, B.J. Cordova, Diane Holzman, Sandy Coons, James Clark, Arlene Doran, Matthew Beem

**Members Absent:** Lori Galbraith, Rebecca Ayers, Kristy Cordovas

**Minutes:** Minutes from January 11, 2010 were approved.

**Call to Audience:** There was nobody present for a call to the audience.

**Reports:**

**Principal Report:**

**YMCA Summer Program May 31<sup>st</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Ben-Asher discussed possible change in the summer programs for the coming summer. A possible option would be to have the YMCA program at Henry. Family assistance was discussed and that further research will need to occur to know what assistance would possible be available for families.

The YMCA had representatives to discuss their program for the summer. The program will run for 9 weeks and the time will be from 7 am to 6 pm, through the months of June and July. The location will be in Henry's MPR. Students will be active with sports, games, arts and crafts, swimming, and field trips. Students will be taken to the YMCA for swimming once a week and one field trip will be scheduled once a week. The YMCA will also have various groups come in such as, Tucson Library and Mad Science. The focus of the program is to keep the students safe and to have fun.

YMCA does staff the program at Erickson and Dietz Elementary. Eligible students would be those who have completed Kindergarten to students who will be entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$105 a week. Financial aide is available through the YMCA and DES.

Mr. Ben reported there were parents with concern of the cost of the YMCA after school program. Since that time, parents have been pleased with the cost of the YMCA and financial support that has been given to parents who were eligible. Site Council discussed the different activities that the YMCA will be able to provide to our students. They also looked at the difference between the activities provided by both the YMCA and Happy Hours program for the summer program. Site Council continued to discuss which program would be the best fit for our school community, along with the cost and the financial aide that is available by both programs.

Site Council discussed having the YMCA present to the community at a later date.

**SCPC Meeting**

Mr. Ben-Asher discussed the Ethnic Studies Program report by Lori Hemrick and reported on Michael Hicks (newest board member) comments from the report. Mr. Ben Asher also shared the reports on John Gay, chief information officer. Discussed the E-Rate program and the amount of dollars that have been lost for technology. He also stated that Mr. Gay's goals for TUSD schools is technology improvement.

### **Staff Turnover**

Mr. Ben reported that Juan Juarez, daytime custodian, has retired. Mr. Ben has a many possible applicants. Also, Mr. Hendrickson And Mrs. Kovarik will be retiring from second grade. Mr. Ben will be contacting HR to begin to interview process. Mr. Ben would like to have Henry staffed for the next school year by the month of April.

### **Budget**

Mr. Ben reported on the budget give by TUSD. Henry was given the original points minus 7% due to budget cuts. TUSD is telling all schools to plan for a 5 to 10% budget cut. TUSD is hoping to cut out admin cost (principal) from school budgets. Full day kinder is not funded by the state, TUSD has been funding full day. With cuts, Henry will need to look at whether there is enough funding for full day Kinder. Mr. Ben will like to have input from people on budget and possible allocations of how dollars may be spent. Mr. Ben discussed what process that may be taken. Site Council looked at the budget reduction worksheet and discussed having staffing, Site Council member, and community to review and give input. They also discussed giving a survey of what people feel towards the budget.

BJ discussed having more of an open-ended questionnaire of what others value.

Henry was allocated 14 points last year and the future looks to have a 5-point drop when the merger dollars are gone.

Site Council continued to discuss current and possible budget cuts for the future and how conservative Henry should be with the dollars given.

Site Council asked if there is data on the amount of families who attended Henry under open enrollment for full day kinder? And, how many families could Henry lose if Henry would have half-day kindergarten.

More budget info will become soon.

### **Water Issues due to Cold Weather**

Henry was able to stay open on Friday, 2/4 when the weather was poor and other schools had pipe issues and heating issues due to the cold.

### **Mission and Vision**

Now that the new Constitution is adopted, these areas need work.

### **Tax Credit Report**

\$61,669.65 is our current available balance. This includes funds from Wrightstown as well as donations from this year. See handout for more details. Total undesignated funds at this time: \$67,088.92 but there is two areas in the negative, which bring that down by \$8,000.

### **Discussion Items:**

Tax Credit Planning Committee

Christy C will be making a Tax Credit video with some Henry students to advertise to the community. Site Council discussed possible ideas to advertise ways to get the information out the community.

### **Election Process for new members + Treasurer**

Site Council discuss that we will need one additional parent and one primary teacher based on our new constitutional laws for Site Council Committee. Site Council will need to look further on the exact term length for the parent seat. An election will take place to elect for the open parent seat for Site Council.

Matthew Beem will be the treasurer for tax dollars contributions for Henry.

### **School name and Mascot**

Mr. Ben would like to gather community input on continuing with Henry's name and the Gila Panther mascot. Site Council discussed possible names for the school and

on gathering further input from both community, Wrights Town and Henry. Site Council is concerned and does not want Wrights Town to lose their identity.

**Mission Vision Statement**

The development and revision of Henry's Mission and Vision statement will be put on hold till the following school year in the fall.

**Set Next Agenda:**

Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2011 at 4:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27PM

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Beem  
Site Council Recorder