

Henry Elementary Site Council Minutes  
November 08, 2011

Meeting called to order at 408p.

**Members present:** Jon Ben-Asher, Matthew Beem, James Clark, Arlene Doran, Diane Holzman, Reina Gibson, Robert James, Elena Ryan, Kristin Winters and Student Council rep, Madison Laguna

**Absent:** Brit Kindred

**Minutes:** Corrections to Principal's Report, remove "S" in front of "The" under upcoming events, bullet one. All other minutes approved.

**Student Council Update:** Madison Laguna presented the following to the Site Council:

- ⤴ Student Council bought purple Henry pencils and pencil machine with money that they took back in from unused previously allocated funds. Currently counting the money earned from the pencil machine.
- ⤴ 5<sup>th</sup> grade Rummage Sale raised money for their trip.
- ⤴ Red Ribbon Week a big success
  - Stickers for everyone
  - Bracelets
  - Spirit week that were themed with the stickers
  - Student Council expressed interest in moving Water Day to an earlier date
  - Student Council split into two teams to do the bulletin boards. One displays pictures with upcoming events and the other posted.
  - Student Council is taking an active role in expanding recycling knowledge. They will do a Recycling Presentation to kindergarten, first and second graders.

**Principal's Report:** Mr Ben-Asher presented the following to the Site Council:

- ⤴ Events Update
  - No school on Friday, November 11, 2011 and Thursday, November 24th in observance of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving respectively.
  - November 30, 2011 is the Winter Program at Sahuaro High School from 630-730p.
  - McDonalds Night and Skate Country were a success for the PTA, they raised over \$400.
  - Fall Festival was a huge hit
  - Cookie Dough orders to arrive on November 17, 2011.
  - Schools setup together and displayed on the Promethian boards at Tucson Meet Yourself.
- ⤴ Judy Burns, one of the five TUSD governing board members, passed away creating a vacancy to be filled.
- ⤴ Tardy policy update. Tardies increased to 9% in October. Henry has a 95% attendance level and can compare to other schools as the information is now available.
- ⤴ Wrightstown campus and other schools that merged are hearing proposals for what to place in the existing buildings. There has been a strong community influence with some ideas already

denied, such as a housing development. The Governing Board meeting scheduled for February should create more movement with proposals and what to do with Wrightstown.

**Report from Robert James regarding Site Council Vacancy:**

- ⤴ Spoke to non-certified employees, three of which declined and some are on the fence. Will increase awareness via the bulletin board.
- ⤴ Community Member position still open.

**Discussion Items:**

- ⤴ Black Stallion update – Ms. Hooge was not present to give a full update, however no donations have been sent in. Seeking next step to earn more donations.
- ⤴ Tax credit advertisement update – Brochures have been revised and are ready to print; will do a mailing and neighborhood campaign when ready. There is also a new district speaker for credit raising ideas that Henry can utilize.
- ⤴ Extension of merger money – Discussion of presenting the board to extend the merger budget. The Board originally stated between three and five years for merger budgets, while Henry has always operated under the three year expiration in the 2012-13 school year there is the possibility to get that extended up to the 2014-15 school year. Site Council discussed the agenda and presentation of it as well as timelines. This will be a perpetual Agenda Item.

**Study Action Items:**

- ⤴ Bus Request – Ms. Hooge requested \$150 from Site Council for a bus to Sabino Canyon. No other funding had been sought at the time. Mr. Clark to talk to Ms. Hooge about seeking alternate funding first.
- ⤴ Phone tree discussion. Mr. Ben-Asher will meet with Reina Gibson to discuss the possibility in implementing an emergency notification system via telephone.

**Next Agenda – December 14, 2011**

- ⤴ Merger budget
- ⤴ Bus request

Meeting adjourned at 504p.