

Henry Elementary School Site Council Minutes November 9, 2010

Meeting called to Order at 4:08PM

Members Present: Jon Ben-Asher, Christy Canovas, B.J. Cordova, Diane Holzman, Sandy Coons, Lori Emrich-Galbraith, Rebecca Ayers, James Clark, Arlene Doran

Members Absent: Mark Ordaz, Matthew Beem

Minutes: Minutes from October 12, 2010 were approved with the addition of the following updated information that has happened since last meeting. 1. In regards to the district paying for Long Term Subs. If the sub is for a non-faculty, non-teacher position ie: counselor, reading tutor, office staff the district will not automatically supply the school with a sub. A request has to be submitted for approval from the district. The district has an "emergency fund" available for requests such as these. 2. The Intermediate playground sunshade has been installed. 3. Potable water for the garden will be installed by Henry not the district when the reclaimed water project is completed.

Call to Audience: There was nobody present to call.

Reports:

SCPC Report: Lori Emrich-Galbraith presented the SSC with a brief summary of the October 4, 2010 SCPC meeting. Dr. John Carroll, TUSD Interim Superintendent was the guest speaker. Dr. Carroll discussed the new partnership between TUSD and the City of Tucson. They have established an institutional network for all High Schools and 9 other locations using microwave technology. The new Catalog of Schools was revealed and information was given about the Festival of Schools event at the zoo. Ms. Ann-Eve Pederson presented information about Tax Credit and how to increase monies donated to your school.

Tax Credit: The Henry SSC does not currently have a designated person assigned to presenting the Tax Credit report, therefore no report was provided. The SSC did discuss ways in which to increase the Tax Credit money that Henry receives each year. Ideas included sending home more flyers, utilizing the marquee, brochures, include in monthly newsletter, as Mr. Ben-Asher currently does. It was suggested to possibly make a video that could be linked to the Henry website showing how tax credit money is being used at Henry. Another idea was to look into Student Council and/or the 5th grade students to create a video using a Power Point presentation as part of their 301 Goals.

Principal Report: Mr Ben-Asher presented the following to the Site Council.

The Bandwidth at the Sahuaro High School hub is up and ready. Friday, November 12, 2010 Henry makes the leap to microwave technology. Since Henry's computers are ancient we might not see great improvement. Everything that we currently do on

the internet will come thru this new microwave technology. No direction has been given at this point as far as anything new that we have to do to use our computers.

Parking Lot: The parking lot will be sealed on November 10, 2010, striping on November 12, 2010 with a walk thru on Monday, November 15, 2010. We should be able to start utilizing the new parking lot of Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Visitation: Starting to see families visit Henry, inquiring about Open Enrollment for next year. Visitations are happening earlier than ever before. This is good news for Henry's future.

Safe Routes to School: BJ Cordova presented an update to the Safe Routes to School grant. There was a good turnout for the "walk about" on October 19, 2010. It was determined that Henry qualifies for 51 out of 125 points when applying for the grant. Based upon the surveys and the "walk about" it appears that Henry could qualify for a maximum grant of \$400,000. BJ would like to schedule a meeting with anyone interested to review the draft before submitting to the SSC at the next Site Council Meeting.

Discussion Items:

By-Laws Committee: The SSC resumed reviewing the Constitutional Bylaws draft at Article IV pertaining to Committees. It was noted that this paragraph regarding Committees stated that anytime a committee was meeting to make a decision the committee must follow the same laws as the SSC does at a meeting. The committee must post an agenda 24 hours before the meeting, take minutes and present the minutes at the next SSC meeting. Article V: Meetings. A. Conduct – It was discussed and agreed upon to remove the language about the State Board Rule. B. Schedule and Notification of Meetings. The following language was added. The Henry community will be notified of regular scheduled meetings through parent and staff communications, the Henry web site, newsletters, posting in high traffic areas and posting on the SSC bulletin board. Line item F has been added. F. Request for Funds Form: A form will be used from members in the community to request allocation of undesignated tax credit funds. Article VI: Ratification and Amendments to Henry School Site Council Constitution/Bylaws. A. Ratification: The ratification of the Constitution/Bylaws of the Henry School Council shall be effective upon a 2/3 vote of the School Site Council. Thirty (30) days will be provided to the public for input regarding ratification of the proposed Constitution by-laws. The proposed draft will be posted online and at school for public review. The public will be directed to provide feedback to their constituents/representatives prior to the Site Council vote. A record of when ratification takes place shall be noted within this document. B. Amendments: Any member of the Henry Community can propose an amendment to the Henry School Council Bylaws. Rationale for the proposed amendment will be presented to the SSC. Thirty (30) days will be provided to the public for input regarding ratification of the proposed Constitution by-laws. The proposed draft will be posted online and at school for public review. The public will be directed to provide feedback to their constituents/representatives prior to the Site Council vote. Amendments are adopted by a 2/3 vote of the School Site Council. A record of when an amendment takes place shall be noted within this document.

Study/Action Items:

301 Goals/School Accountability Plan: Mr. Ben-Asher provided the SSC with a revised School Accountability Plan. The 301 Goals are as follows: Goal #1

Reading: A minimum of 30% of students in grades K-2 will move from the Strategic to the Benchmark Instructional Recommendation as indicated by the May DIBELS benchmark. 64 students tested at Strategic, translating into no less than 19 students moving into Benchmark by May. Students in grades 3-5 will show a minimum increase of 5% in the content area of AIMS Reading, moving from 69.5% (AIMS 2010) to 74.9% (AIMS 2011) Goal #2 **MATH:** The percentage of Kindergarten students at grade level in number recognition will increase by 47%, from 28% in the first quarter CCSA to 75% in the May CCSA. The average percentage of correct answers for students in grades 1-2 will increase by 25% from 50% (first quarter administration) to 75% (fourth quarter administration) on the envisions AIMS Mathematics Prep Test. Students in grades 3-5 will show a minimum increase of 5% in the content area o AIMS Math, moving from 51.2% (AIMS 2010) to 56.2% (AIMS 2011).

The Goals were approved by TUSD District offices, awaiting approval from the SSC. Sandy Coons made a motion to approve the 301 Goals/School Accountability Plan as presented. Rebecca Ayers seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the SSC.

Black Stallion Program: Diane Holzman presented to the SSC information about the Black Stallion Literacy Program. This program gives students a copy of the Black Stallion Book and provides a field trip so students can visit a horse and have an opportunity to read to a horse. The cost is \$10 per student. A proposal was presented for 77 students to participate in this program. Arlene Doran made a motion to spend up to \$770 from undesignated tax credit money to pay for this program. Rebecca Ayers seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the SSC.

Set Next Agenda:

Items for next agenda to include the following: Safe Routes to School, Tax Credit, By-Laws voting, SCPC update. Next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2010 at 4:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Emrich-Galbraith
Site Council Recorder