

**Henry Elementary School  
Site Council Minutes  
August 10, 2011**

Meeting called to Order at 4:08PM

**Members Present:** Jon Ben-Asher, B.J. Cordova, Diane Holzman, Lori Emrich-Galbraith, James Clark, Arlene Doran, Matthew Beem, Christy Canovas, Kristin Winters

**Members Absent:** Rebecca Ayers, Sandy Coons, Elena Ryan

**Minutes:** May 10, 2011 minutes approved as written.

**Call to Audience:** There was nobody present to call.

**Reports:**

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

**KIDCO:** This summer KIDCO provided a Summer Program at Henry. Mr. Ben-Asher saw a huge improvement in the quality of staff and curriculum from the prior summer. He was greatly encouraged by what they brought to the Henry Summer Program. If they can continue to bring this quality care to a Summer Program it would be good to look at having them continue next summer, since it is very affordable for Henry Families looking for Summer Care.

**Technology:** District Level News – TUSD was able to retrieve approximately 10 million dollars from E-Rate monies. Due to prior complications TUSD was not receiving these funds. Mr. Jon Gay TUSD Department Head was able to correct the problems and in return has regained these funds for the District. There has been a pledge made that Computer Labs will be revamped along with District Infrastructure hopefully within the next 18 months. Henry Level News – Promethean Boards and Document Cameras have been ordered for the 3 Kindergarten classrooms, just waiting for installation.

**Staffing:** Henry's new Kinder and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers have come on board and doing very well in setting up their rooms. Over the summer it was announced that Ms. Hammond would not be returning to Henry. Mrs. Miles will go back to teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2011-2012 school year. A long term sub is in place for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom until a permanent replacement can be hired.

Lisa South, Henry's CCS has also moved on this summer. Henry is also advertising for an Exceptional Ed Teacher position. Currently still looking for Art and Math Tutor positions as well.

**District D-Seg Info:** After appeal by plaintiff's in case a Supreme Court Judge ruled that TUSD has not met the unitary status, and therefore has been put back under the Desegregation order again. The Post Unitary Plan that TUSD has been following is no longer current. Lots of changing will be coming forward for identifying academic goals for Math and Reading, not sure if schools will be having an accountability plan. More information to be coming soon.

Reduction in Force – criteria being working worked on, nothing in place at this time, more information will be forthcoming.

Instructional Minutes – TUSD was fined approximately 2.5 million dollars for lack of instructional minutes after an audit of middle schools. TUSD is appealing this decision.

Certified Teachers & Staff - For the first time in 4 years, will be given up to a 3% raise.

**TCC** – Dr. Pedicone invited all employees of TUSD to TCC for a District Wide meeting on August 10, 2011. The idea was to regain perspective of what TUSD does for Tucson. Renewing the District Employees Energy and rebuilding the common mission. What is the value in TUSD and where do we want to go from here? 1<sup>st</sup> – Clean up errors, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Instructional, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Who we are – reinvest internally. The meeting had positive vibes throughout its entirety.

**Academic Achievement:** Henry had gains in ALL areas for the 2010-2011 school year with the exception of 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing. (Writing did drop statewide however due to a few factors. 1 – It was a new testing year 2 – Tests were scored differently than in years past.

4<sup>th</sup> grade math improved by 30%. There were also gains in reading and math for grades 3, 4 and 5.

301 Goals were Met for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Theme:** The Theme for Henry for the upcoming year is “The Next Level”

**Safe Routes to School:** BJ Cordova presented the following to the SSC. Henry was given final approval of \$352,177. There will be upcoming surveys with classrooms along with parent surveys that need to be completed quarterly. Would like to have a community meeting to announce this grant and get feedback on the design. Henry was also awarded a \$1400 pro neighborhood grant, which will be used to add river rock and boulders to area across from Henry along with parking lot and back gate of the school playground.

**Discussion Items:** No report

**Study/Action Items:** Henry Tardy Policy – Mr. Ben-Asher provided the SSC a Tardy Policy Draft. Henry has been experiencing an excessive number of tardiness on a daily basis. It is in hopes of establishing a tardy policy that we can reduce the number of daily tardies by providing assistance to those that may need it as well as making sure students are brought to school on time every day.

The line up bell will ring at 7:57, students will have 3 minutes to line up. Anyone arriving after 8:00 will be considered tardy and will have to go to the office where a parent or legal guardian will have to sign them in. If a student is tardy for more than 5 times during the school year, the parent or legal guardian will be asked to complete a journal as to why the child is tardy.

A motion was made by Mr. Ben-Asher to approve the tardy policy as submitted to the SSC and modify once more information is available regarding truancy and ARAS guidelines. Arlene Doran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Set Next Agenda:** Principal Report, Updated Tardy Policy, Election Results. Next meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37PM

Respectfully submitted

Lori Emrich-Galbraith  
Site Council Recorder