

Site Council - 2008 – 2009 - 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. **Additions to the agenda (2 minutes)** Introductions were made: Patricia Polter (7th grd.). Margot Pillette (Classified), Pam Schmieding (7th grd.), Dorothy Syfert (8th grd.) , Tonie Quidachay (parent), Peggy Karatko (6th grd.) Shirley Madathil (8th grd.), Katherine Kiraly (Admin. Intern) Peter Tromba (Admin.) Molly Hammans (6th grd.) –absent today.
2. **Equity Committee (5 minutes)** Established last spring. Will meet once a month on Wednesday. Monroe spearheaded this group for our school, and now it has become a mandate from the district.
3. **Meeting schedule for the year (5 minutes)**
Site Council Meeting: 1st Wednesday 3:30 - 5
Climate Committee: 2nd and 4th Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30
Equity Committee: 3rd Wednesday 3:30 - 5
4. **Responsibilities Grid (5 minutes)** The Grid reflects Convener, Timekeeper, Recorder, and Treats for each meeting. Peter will be sending this grid to site council members for future reference.
5. **Membership, Recruitment of Parents and Students (10 minutes)** The newsletter reminder does not seem strong enough to draw parents to our meetings. Peter will be inviting the parents when he meets with them at next Parent Meeting. The Block teachers that are on Site Council will be mentioning these meetings at the same time as election for Student Council happens.
6. **Staff Development Requests (5 minutes)** The total amount for Monroe’s allocation for staff development funds is \$3553.00 for 2008-2009. Our general practice has been that our funds reimburse costs for a Guest teacher, but not the registration for a conference. Discussion continued as to what method of allocation would best serve the purposes of the staff. It was mentioned that EEA could offer scholarships for conference registration fees. Patricia is going to check into this possibility and report back to the council. The decision was made to maintain general practice of funding Guest Teachers. A possible subgroup for Grant Writing could emerge out of Site Council to address money issues for Staff Development.

- a. **Shirley Betournay:** Request for OAHPERD registration fee on Statewide Inservice Day (October 10th) This conference has much merit, however, unfortunately due to the request for a fee as opposed to a Guest teacher, the request has been denied.

- 7. **EEF Grants (10 minutes)** Monroe is allocated two \$2000.00 grants and two \$500.00 grants. One request was submitted for the OMSI Assemblies for this year at \$2000.00. This EEF grant will be our priority grant request. We would like to submit other grant requests by September 29th to access all of our money. Ideas: Airliner/Doc. Cameras Grants-Peter will check with Pat Lyon on a past computer request. Translator for Spanish-Peter and Shirley will check Abby Lane on specifics of this possible request.

- 8. **School Improvement Plan / Portrait of a Graduate (5 minutes)** The Portrait of a Monroe Graduate will include ideas from the School Improvement Plan, yet provide a more user-friendly document for staff, parents, and students. Also included in this Portrait will be 15 Top Characteristics that were compiled during the 07-08 school year. Last year, we had a student who created drawings to enhance this project.

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*Grant Writer-locate one. Possibly receive training.

*Review Student Data on Achievement/Demographics/Behavior Data

