

Site Council – 12/3/08 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Attended by: Peter Tromba, Tonie Quidachay, Joan Kerns, Griffin Wilson, Alex Glover, Ben Green, Sophia DeLoretto, Molly Poole, Zulema Iboa, Joel Iboa, Shirley Madathil, Patricia Polter, Pam Schmieding, Margot Pillette, Dorothy Syfert

- 1) **Additions to the agenda**—snack responsibilities
- 2) **Snacks**—Thanks to Pam. Toni has January snacks.
- 3) **Equity Committee**
 - a. The committee is setting up a process for determining a mission statement.
 - b. Possible changes for the lobby and the front of the school were discussed. The goal is to make the entrance more equity friendly.
 - c. The wording for Monroe’s welcome signs was finalized. The signs will be printed in English, Spanish, and Korean.
- 4) **Climate Committee**
 - a. One student emphasized that the M & M’s mainly seem to work for 6th graders.
 - b. It is important that the rewards are what students want.
 - c. The survey conducted by individuals from the U of O was to gather information about last year to create a baseline with regard to Monroe’s climate and effectiveness of the incentive program. A second survey will be conducted in the spring to gather information regarding this year.
 - d. New Level Two forms have been printed and are being used.
 - e. CD Room—it was agreed that the staff should be surveyed about the need (this was talked about in team meetings).
- 5) **Parent Committee**
 - a. Last night (12/2/08) was a business meeting. The meeting focused mainly on fund raising to cover the commitment made by parents of \$7000 each year for computers. (The computers were bought on credit and need to be paid off in three years.)
 - b. New fund-raising idea for this year—a garage sale on the first Saturday in March. Parents will be able to purchase a space from the school and sell their items from home. During the garage sale, the following activities will be included: bingo, raffles, and cakewalk.
 - c. January’s meeting will focus on adolescents and stress and anxiety.
 - d. February’s meeting will deal with strategies to be successful with kids.

6) **Student Council Report**

- a. On Tuesday, Dec. 2, we had an assembly to kick off the Food Drive. Information about world hunger and statistics on low income/poverty was included.
- b. The goal is to provide food for 22 families this year (double from last year).
- c. REMINDER: TEACHERS DO NOT need to fill up food boxes with none assigned items.

7) **Staff Development Requests**

- a. At this time, \$2446.12 is available.
- b. Molly Hammans requested money to cover a guest teacher, so she could attend the 2008 Oregon School Law Conference. This will require a substitute for 1.5 days, which equals \$270. The request was APPROVED.
- c. Reminder—Site Council is planning to use some of the staff development funds towards grant writing. This will enable us to have more money leverage.

8) **School Improvement Plan/Portrait of a Graduate**

- a. Peter shared the process we've followed since the beginning of last school year and where we at right now.
- b. Suggestion from student—teachers should do more planner checks.
- c. Peter developed two possible ways to write our plan:
 1. The “normal” way—to create one or two academic goals and add one or two behavioral goals.
 - a. These goals are not connected directly to each other.
 - b. For example: one goal to improve reading, one to improve math, and one to increase positive behavior.
 2. Another way—to create three goals that are interdependent and process oriented.
 - a. For example: one goal to focus on goal setting, one to focus on the skills required to meet those goals, and a third goal to reflect and set new goals.
 - b. This second method would require that staff have more uniformity with regard to how the school is managed. For example, universal use of the planner. It would also involve all staff.

9) **Grants**

- a. Site Council previewed a list of grants provided by Peter.
- b. Members shared which grants interested them the most.
- c. Peter will write letters of inquiry to get information for grants with most votes.
- d. Peter will bring information to next meeting.