

Site Council Minutes – September 16, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Mardi Read. Those in attendance were Mardi Read, Kara Peterson, Steve Reynolds, Pravesh Patel, Sharon Bais, Laura Kec, Susan Molina, JoAnne Chaffeur, Mrs. Hillig and Marilyn McCready.

A definition of what the Council is was given by Mardi Read. Questions were raised about the make-up of the council and which members can vote. A review of the rules was read from Aug. 2008's meeting minutes. The council would like the Secretary's position to be a shared one, but it was decided that M. McCready is to ask Kelly Cordes about the laws that determine who votes on the council and who comprises the council. Council election of officers was tabled until the next meeting when these questions have been answered.

The dates and times for this year's Site Council Meetings were approved. They are all to be held in the GMMS library at 3:15 pm on the following dates: Oct. 21, Nov.18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 24, Apr. 21, and May 19, 2010.

A discussion of how Character Counts will be handled for this school year was held. A committee has been formed consisting of approximately 10 parent volunteers. The group meets on Fridays at 1:30. The group is still looking for more members as Mrs. Hillig feels that the more volunteers that are helping the less the burden will be on any individual. The volunteers will be teaching the classes and are now updating the curriculum materials. This school year the classes will be taught on a 3-day rotation to 6th graders. The committee would like to see it offered in the 7th and 8th grades also. Different ways of getting the information on the need for more volunteers out to the parents was discussed: on-line Daily Bulletin, PUSD's Grizzly website, parent newsletter and putting it on the school calendar were brought up as possibilities. Mardi Read is the school's contact person.

Mrs. Hillig led a discussion on the current status of the budget. Only M&O (salary money) has been given to the district. There has been a reduction in supply money, and the district has received no soft capital money. Also, no building renewal money has been received. It is possible that by January the staff of PUSD may be paid by vouchers if the State of Arizona hasn't found the money necessary for salaries.

A discussion was held on the future of the ASSIST Program, after an informational presentation by Mrs. Hillig. ASSIST is an individualized tutoring program taught by GMMS teachers after school. It was asked that the Council review the program and decide on its future. Salary for the teachers is an issue as well as funding for scholarships for students.

Future agenda items that were discussed are: discuss and vote on council positions, budget update, discuss and vote on ASSIST Program, discussion on criteria for certified and classified employee of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38.

Submitted by Marilyn McCready, Interim Secretary