



LUCILLE M. NIXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Minutes

March 7th, 2016

Call To Order by Tim at 2:50pm.

Members present: Lauren Hahn, Mary Pat O'Connell, Time Edmonds, Stephannie Lobell, Kim Powell, Amanda Higgins, Ann Kwolek, Courtney Smith

1. Approve Minutes from February Meeting.
 - Everything looks okay, except the spelling of Stephannie's name.
 - Ann motions to approve minutes
 - Amanda seconds
 - Minutes approved

2. All Day Kinder, update and clarification on Group vs. Individual Advocacy.
 - Thank you Stephannie for speaking to the board about
 - Max Magee spoke about summer school between kinder and 1st
 - More open meetings moving forwards.
 - 2 budgets work – 1 with an aid, 1 without aid support
 - Meeting this week to inform Dr. Magee about recommendations from a group of looking into full day kindergarten.
 - A variety of views on this topic.
 - maybe only some schools in the district will have full day.
 - We need additional support for the kindergarten teachers for this to work.
 - Our kindergarten teachers would like class size reduction and additional aid time if we were to move forward with full day kindergarten.
 - Should have some answers by May 1st.
 - Things are moving forward on this issue.
 - Also might ask incoming Kindergarten parents to see what they would like.
 - Since kindergarten is not mandatory in California, parents could pull their child out 12 if they want.
 - Could it be a 2 year roll out program...
 - PTA wants to know what else site council can do to support full day kindergarten. Now it has come to the superintendent's hands and there is no more need for advocacy.
 - MP will send information home to the parents through Nixon News that tells more about full day kindergarten.
 - This issue has come to the site council from a parent. We never surveyed all the teachers therefore we shouldn't have spoken on behalf of all the teachers. What does it mean to be a teacher on the site council?
 - Teacher advocacy and PTA representatives – All minutes and agendas are put on the Nixon website. All parents are welcomed to come the meetings.

3. Principal's Report.
 - Enrollment for next year – looks like only 3 kindergarten classes for next year. Although we have more kids that are signed up than the 3 classes. Will eventually lose a class since there are currently four 5th grade classes. Long-term expectation is that Nixon will add more classes due to the increase in residency in the neighborhood. We would only need a few extra portables.

4. 2015---16 Site Safety Plan.
 - Goal for the year is making sure that more parents are aware of the emergency procedures of Nixon.
 - Mary Pat gave us information that is on the website and what Becky hands parents when they come and get their children during an emergency.
 - Look under parents on the website and it says emergency plan.
 - Parents like the idea of having some other forms for knowing what the site safety plan is. Examples: fridge magnet, a wallet card and also a document that could be on our phones for the safety info.
 - Testing out download of PDF file of Emergency Procedures onto phone.
 - Mary Pat will make a few changes, send it to us to check out, and then it will be sent out to the print shop to get it out to the parents soon. We need to try it out!
 - This is only for fire and earthquakes. Code Red would be something different.
 - Mary Pat moves to approve the suggested emergency communication tools for parents with any further edits suggested through email and then proceed to order cards and magnets.
 - Lauren seconds.
 - All approve.

5. Student Assemblies & Parent Education Update. (Move to next month)
 - Already booked Julie Lythcott-Haims (former SU dean, the author of How to Raise an Adult) for October 3, 2016 parent education presentation.
 - Digital ta2
 - Kid Power

6. Site Council vacancies for 2016---17 (identify, recruit, nominate).
Losing Amanda, Kim, Ann, Andy and Stephannie

7. Comments, questions, suggestions.

Adjourn at 4:15pm

Schedule of Remaining Meetings (All Mondays):

DATE	REFRESHMENTS
April 11 th , 2016	Kim Powell
May 2 nd , 2016	Mary Pat O'Connell