

Nova Eisenhower Elementary
SAC meeting, #7
March 10, 2008

PRESENT: Janice Brown, Kathleen Cohn, Pearl Cook, Shernette Dunn, Dee Dee Fote, Dee Howard, Ian Hamilton, Mr. Jenkins, Lesley Junck, Ms Lesser, Victoria Lopez, Annischa McKenzie, Devon Morrison, Sharon Tanenhaus, Wendyla Valle, Sherrine Walters

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Allison Brooks, Dawn Smith

Ms Dunn called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

REVIEW MINUTES: January minutes and corrected February minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Ms Valle, 2nd by Ms Nestor.

BY-LAWS Ms Cohn informed the council that By-laws are amended and ratified annually during the Fall but this year policy 1403 was being revised and we couldn't do anything until the school board approved the policy. One revision that was made was that each SAC must have a parent of Gifted, ESE and ESOL student. We already met those standards. Ms Tanenhaus is our Gifted rep. The Bylaws template was reviewed, approved, and amended. Due at the Area Office by April 9, 2008.

TEAM BUILDING Ms Dunn had everyone partner up and handed out forms for a Commonality Exercise. Everyone had 2 minutes to find 15 common interests and then again we had to switch partners and repeat the exercise. Then each group shared their commonalities with the committee. It was actually fun and got people more involved with each other.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT- As far as the physical needs assessment, NEE is currently slated for energy saving lights, new toilets, new AC, new roof. Ms Lesser informed us that FCAT results won't be here until May. The Board certified teachers did a Needs Assessment to see where the teachers are technologically. 3 groups met, learned a new skill and practiced it for 3 weeks. They are slated for 4 sessions, have already met twice. Teachers are becoming excited about technology. Have to address Math, Reading, and Science. Will survey the reading teachers. They may need training on how to teach the struggling reader. Also have to see what is needed to prepare teachers to teach new standards yet train for FCAT. Ms Dunn said more manipulatives are needed. Also need to address FCAT camp, see where it may need to be tweaked. Ms Lesser mentioned that the Climate survey was done. It's a random survey sent to parents, teachers and ½ of the student body. Information comes back in October and is reviewed by the principal. One problem is that surveys don't always get returned. It was suggested to do a check-list to keep better track of who was sent home with one. Teacher can notify parents that survey will be coming home. Can also be mentioned on Robo-call.

OPEN AGENDA- At the end of testing there will be a party at Coldstone, 3/25/08 Tuesday at 6:45 PM. Chorus will perform.

Pat On the Back Award- Ms Cooper was nominated by PTA. She's a teacher that goes above and beyond. She is the PTA Liaison, hosts the Chess Club, always does things with a smile. An event will be held at Piper HS on 3/18 at 6:30PM. A winner will be picked. Go and support your teacher.

Chess Club- NEE 4th and 5th graders were the 2nd place winner under Pine Crest! 2nd and 3rd graders placed 4th. Great job! Congratulations!

FCAT camp- Mr Jenkins completed FCAT camp. It was successful. Overall, the attendance was good.

For the Five Star: "Roots and Wings"- Ms Howard trained for this program. It was 6 sessions. How to reach your kid. Parents opened up, older siblings were also involved. Had "Fireside Chats".

The meeting was adjourned at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Cohn