

Central Riverside School Advisory Council
Minutes --October 3, 2007

Present: Sherry Brown, Margaret Godke, Shana David, Linda Lewis, Lu Morton, Shella Shelton, Ann Carey Holt, Nyekia Thorne, Kim Vilagi (guest)

Margaret Godke brought the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m., welcoming all present. Introductions of new members and guests were made. Welcome Linda Lewis, parent of two 2nd graders.

Minutes were approved from the September 2007 reading.

Announcements

A thank you note from fourth grade teacher Dee Harris was read that expressed gratitude for a recent SAC purchase of writing materials.

SAC was updated as to the number of students at CRES in tutoring, which is now 60.

Budget Report

Sherry Brown presented the budget:

Carryover from previous year - \$ 1,129.14

District funds from this year - \$ 3,387.87

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Total \$ 4,517.01

New Business

Star Award – SAC is required, per the Star Award, to have a minimum of eight meetings. Dates for spring meetings will be set at our upcoming November meeting.

Reading/Writing SIP Committee Request – Kim Vilagi presented a request for more A/B leveled books. After a tour of the book room, Sheridan Brown proposed to match SAC's contribution of \$500 with monies from the supply fund for a total of \$1000 for new books.

Reading SIP Committee Report – The committee is looking at new vocabulary strategies for all grade levels. Parent Lit Night is scheduled for November 6. Teachers are using FCAT software and differentiating their instruction to provide better reading and writing lessons.

Writing SIP Committee Report – Ms. Harris is working exclusively with fourth graders. We are using a district wide writing prompt, students are keeping portfolios and will continue to work on meaningful conferencing throughout the grade levels.

Parental Involvement SIP Report – The committee is assessing ways in which parents can become more involved and is going to try to sponsor more non-academic events.

Important upcoming events: Vision and Hearing screenings, Flag Raising, Fish Fry, Red Ribbon week, teacher planning day (Oct 26).

Principal Announcements: The student count is 369 students, less than anticipated. Two paraprofessionals were cut from the budget and we are left with \$5000 for supplies. The Media specialist took a five day position at another school. Alison Spencer (Fast ForWord) and Stacy Waters (grade 3) will be on maternity leave beginning in March. The school was awarded \$38,687.87 for FCAT achievement; we are awaiting disbursement of these funds.

SAC roster – Please delete Jessica Medina and Sharika Dawson; both have transferred to other schools.

Our next meetings, all to be held in the Media Center from 11:30am – 1:00pm, are (and lunch will be provided by the designated person):

November 14, 2007 Tina Johnson

January 16, 2008 Nyeika Thorne

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shana David