

Central Riverside School Advisory Council Minutes

November, 2007

Present: Sherry Brown, Debi Groenendyk, Margaret Godke, Shana David, Linda Lewis, Lu Morton, Tina Johnson, Ann Holt, Ms. Smithson (guest).

Minutes were approved from the October meeting.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) – Ms. Smithson presented the Math school improvement plan. More (interactive) computer math will be used, in addition to other changes. On January 23, Cathy Laroy, district chair for Math and Science, will be on site.

Memorial Fund - A memorial fund was started for Mary Ann Johnston who recently passed away; she was a teacher with CRES for over twenty years. The fund will be used to purchase something for the school inscribed with her name. Donations are welcome.

Staffing Changes – New media specialists (4 – one for each of four days) and a new music teacher. Elaine Stanley has been hired for the Kindergarten vacancy.

Professional Development Training - Teachers, by grade level, are meeting every seven weeks for professional development training; the resource teachers are taking their classes on those days. This program, so far, appears to be successful.

School Accreditation – CRES is overdue on its five-year accreditation. The school board, rather than using external resources to get accreditation, has formed an internal team that will be reviewing schools over the next year. SAC board members were asked to take a survey, which was handed out, to be returned to Ms. Brown by winter break.

Budget Report - Sherry Brown presented the budget:

Funds Committed \$ 3,129.00

Funds Available \$ 953.67

Two budget requests were made and approved as requested:

- \$25 to purchase fruits and vegetables for a 3rd grade math investigation exercise on weights and measures;
- \$300 to the science depot fund to replenish consumable supplies.

Dedicated Magnet – The school board approved our application for a dedicated Gifted and Academically Talented magnet designation; however, no funding was granted. The program becomes in effect in the 2008/09 school year. All students, including neighborhood children, would have to fill out the magnet form to attend the school; fifth graders are grandfathered

in. Seven teachers in grades 1-5 are certified as gifted. Community meetings will be held to discuss school boundary changes for those neighborhood children not signed up to attend CRES. Announcements will also be sent out.

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):

- January 16, 2008 Nyekia Thorne
- February 27, 2008 Ann Holt
- March 19, 2008 Debi Groenendyk
- April 23, 2008 Shana David
- May 28, 2008 Linda Lewis

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carey Holt

SPECIAL MEETING

The Central Riverside SAC approved with NO dissenting votes on November 30, 2007, the following proposal:

Malinda Bachelor, third grade teacher, to attend a Fluency Workshop in Jacksonville on December 13th. She would then share the information with all who teach reading. The presenter is a leader in the field and one from whom we could all learn.

The request entails \$189 for the conference and \$70 for a substitute for her for the day for a total of \$259.