Mar Vista Elementary School

School Site Council Meeting, January 14, 2014

2013-2014

Meeting commenced at 4:38 and concluded at 5:31

1. Welcome - Present – Kirstin, Todd, Stephanie, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Sharon, and Christine

2. Review minutes

-- Kirstin moved to approve. Todd seconded.

3. Bond Update – CANCELLED

-- Our next meeting is scheduled for February 11, but it may conflict with L-CAP presidents’ meeting

4. L-CAP review (handout)

-- The L-CAP is the funding formula for CA. Last January, Gov. Brown introduced this new formula for schools. The idea is that it is supposed to help English-learners, foster children, and lower socioeconomic children via the LCFF (“Local Control Funding Formula”). Every district starts with a base amount of money, and then supplemental grants are dependent on the number of children in each school district that meet the “special” needs. This funding formula is supposed to give more control locally.

-- There is a meeting on February 11, 2014, for school site council presidents that Kirstin will be attending

5. Review Bully Prevention Survey (handout)

-- Jeff Caplan is supposed to come talk to us about different solutions teams

-- Mar Vista is still using solutions teams

-- the bully prevention survey (3rd through 6th graders) is not showing much change at our school from previous years.

-- Stephanie suggested finding a way to encourage better communication between the school and the parents because, according to the survey, the largest percentage of children who were bullied did report it to their parents. How can the school learn about it? How do we help the children tell an adult in a timely manner?

-- Sharon thinks we should spend some energies toward helping our school and our children feel like a stronger community. One example of building that kind of relationship is through singing. Can we foster a better sense of community?

-- Todd and Kirstin were going to meet with someone to talk about Solutions Circle, another anti-bullying program

6. Review School Safety Plan (handout)

-- Todd ordered red backpacks for all classes

-- all contact numbers are updated

7. Peaceful Playground

-- Kirstin spoke with Risa. She also spoke with the MVP and MVP is open to funding this program. We need to find a point person to spearhead this project now that Risa is focusing on the talent show. Should we wait to implement the Peaceful Playground until after we talk to Brett about how much blacktop will be taken up, and, how/where the renovation/remodel is going to be?

8. School Messenger verbiage for a lockdown (handout)

-- there are three staging areas – the grange, the church, and Cabrillo parking lot

9. Parking Notice (handout)

10. Reschedule next meeting?

-- If L-CAP meeting does not conflict, next SSC meeting will be Tuesday, February 11.

11. Future Agenda Items

-- Peaceful Playground / Solutions Circle

-- Community building

Handouts

Last meeting’s minutes

L-CAP review

Bully Prevention Survey

School Safety Plan

School messenger verbiage for lockdown

Parking Notice