Mar Vista Elementary School

School Site Council Meeting, October 8, 2013

2013-2014

Meeting commenced at 4:30 and concluded at 5:29

1. Welcome – In attendance were: Todd, Kirstin, Sharon, Stephanie, Christine, Risa, and Dorothy
2. Bond update (Brett) – (see PPT handout) Measure L has six priorities, but the first four are the most important: (1) modernizing classrooms and aging facilities; (2) health and safety; (3) code requirements; and (4) technology upgrades. The district has received an initial $80 million from the bond.  Pajaro Valley property tax payers should see the increase from the Measure reflected in this December’s property tax bill. Initial bond projects (listed on page 2) started over the summer.  The district has now gotten bids for all the initial bond projects and just recently got a Santa Cruz based company to re-do all elementary schools’ door locking mechanisms that will require a key-lock.  All doors will be re-keyed.  Todd says most of our school is already supplied with Columbine locks.  There will be no new play structures for Mar Vista because our structures are already up to code.  The district has started Phase 1 (out of 3) of the Modernization Projects.  All Aptos schools have started Phase 1.  Mar Vista has not had visits with architects / construction management yet but it will probably happen next month.

The district will have an Instructional Technology Advisory Committee to discuss "intelligent" classrooms for tech upgrades.  The goal is to restore, refresh, and make sure district school technologies are equitable for schools across the district.

Solar projects are being launched now - six schools are being done for Phase 1.  They are using carports.

A Citizens' Oversight Committee has been appointed by the Board.  There are approximately 19 people on the committee.  It is chaired by a man who has 3 adult children who work for the PV District.  The Oversight Committee meets quarterly.  Meeting dates are posted on website.

The modernization of Mar Vista is really 4 separate projects.  (See handout page 4.)  These projects do not include technology improvements - just building modernization.  The site is challenging as to timing and staging because of its small footprint.  Teamed with Mar Vista is Kitchell as the construction management company of out San Jose (Mike Hiddelson is the lead on that project and he is also a Mar Vista parent) and Kasavan Architects out of Salinas (Peter Kasavan is the lead).

Mar Vista will also see upgrades to the lab - new computers in computer lab.  The lab will get updates every 5 years.  The school may also have additional wireless installed (it was installed a year ago).  The school will also get an upgraded phone system to VOIP.

Brett wants to schedule a meeting with Mike and Peter and the SCC, and maybe the MVP group.  He warns that the meeting may be redundant, but they need input on the details within the four projects. For example, what we want in the new MPR, etc.

We can talk about transforming the old MPR to the new library / computer lab.  At the meeting, they can let us know what's realistic, financially feasible, etc.  They then will draw out a schematic/rough design to see what is workable.  Once they do that, they will come back with the design and we all give more input.  After the plan is set, Brett will finalize everything.  Brett wants to break ground at Mar Vista this summer.  The first meeting with Brett, Mike and Peter should be within 4-5 weeks.

We talked about meeting as a school beforehand to organize our suggestions/priorities before meeting with Brett, Mike, and Peter.

1. Review minutes from last meeting – Barbara moved to approve and Sharon seconded.
2. Review SIP and Update – (see 2012-2013 SIP handout) – Mar Vista section starts on page 18 and needs to be updated. The SIP needs to be completed by October 25. We re-vamped our three goals for this year.
3. Goal #1 (page 21): focus on Writers' Workshop.  Sources should be the Writing Performance Task.  Stephanie was trying to think about what the most uniform test should be, and it looked like the Writers’ Workshop even though it's not an established performance evaluation yet.
4. Goal #2 (page 27): Readers’ Workshop.
5. Goal #3 (page 33): Professional development to help teachers through the transition period regarding Common Core and other changes
6. We replaced the bully prevention programs with Readers’ Workshop as one of our goals. We still want to continue the bully prevention programs such as the Solutions Team and will continue to consider things like Peaceful Playground.
7. AB 484 signed into law – Governor signed into law that we will no longer be focusing on CST and move forward to Common Core.  Details are tabled for November.
8. Common Core State Standards overview (tabled for November)

VII. Review assessments and data (tabled for November)

1. Open information
2. Future Agenda Items
3. parking situation
4. Review school safety plan and discuss finding someone to take over bullying survey, discuss suspension/expulsion, discuss finding a better way to assess results of prevention programs
5. Details of AB 484
6. Common Core State Standards overview with Stephanie
7. Review assessments and data with Stephanie
8. additional copier in teachers’ workroom?
9. Next meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.