Mar Vista Elementary School

School Site Council Meeting, November 12, 2013

2013-2014

Meeting commenced at 4:35 and concluded at 5:31

1. Welcome - Present - Alicia, Todd, Stephanie, Kirstin, Sharon, Christine;

Absent - Dorothy

2. Review minutes

-- Kirstin moved to approve. Sharon seconded.

3. Bond update - Todd

-- Brett will meet with us January 14. Brett wants to talk about the L-Cap and funding, which is supposed to mean more money for schools.

4. Review SIP and Update (Handout - School Plan Worksheet - Three School Wide Goals) -- plan is due in December.

-- Goal 1 - Academic

-- Professional development workshops for teachers are provided by the district. Cotsen Foundation is giving money for the readers' workshop this year. Part of the grant is going to different schools. Cotsen is going to do a 2-day training and the teachers can choose which workshop best fits them. MVP Club has raised money for professional development. CGI Math is next -- "numbers talks" – and it lets kids explain how they are coming up with their numbers/answers.

-- Kirstin wants to know if there's any way to measure growth. Todd says that we can rely on benchmarks and teacher assessments for now. The teachers have all had common core training for MARS tasks, and have already started implementing them. We will have in-depth training for reading. Also, there will be a parent-training and involvement meeting by having common core nights starting in the spring. The ELAC parents have already been given the overview.

-- Goal 2 - English Language Learners

-- Goal 3 - School climate.

-- Kids corner still needs a person to head it up. Kids corner is a counseling service for kids. Right now, there is no funding.

5. Review School Safety Plan

-- We should include an updated class list every quarter. Todd says most teachers have the list on the door. There is a red card/green card to indicate which students are missing from the classrooms, and you can call around to find out if the child is in speech or somewhere else. Maybe the list should be updated each time there's a change in the classroom.

-- The Safety Plan should include emergency folders and plans

-- Regarding the lockdown procedure - what should kids do when class is locked and the kids are locked out? Teachers have talked to the kids about it, but the talk varies because it is age-appropriate. Maybe we should put together a talk about what to do if something happens while kids are at recess.

-- The safety plan should change years each time we review it, and the plan should say "parent reviewed 2013-14"

-- On the safety inspection checklist, include in #5 to say that the doors will lock from the inside. Kurt checks this list at beginning of the year and teachers usually check at the end of the year

-- Add emergency information folder to the safety checklist

-- The safety team meets every month to go over the plan.

-- The district is pushing to get a safety committee again.

6. Common Core State Standards (Stephanie)

-- handout - introduction to CCSS for parents

-- TABLE REMAINDER

7. Review data with Stephanie

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8. Open/Other information

a. Benchmark change / transition year

-- TABLED

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Next meeting - Tues, Dec 10

Handouts

Last meeting's minutes

SIP school plan

Safety Plan

Common Core PowerPoint

Data for SIP