

Mountain Park ES – LSAC Meeting – October 5, 2007

Attending:

Andrea Navarra (teacher rep)
Diane Peoples (parent rep)
Stacy Perlman (principal)
Kelly Magoon (parent rep)
Ron Vahey (business rep)
Adam Hayes (business rep)
Kati Searcy (teacher rep)
Felicia Squaire (teacher)

Minutes from September Meeting Approved

Old Business:

MPE By-Laws:

Article V – Membership

“Business persons” should be listed as “2 business persons and who are also MPE parents.” This now reflects that we are in compliance with the new state laws.

Article IX – Meetings

Members will be notified of meetings “By mail” needs to be changed to “by mail or by e-mail.”

Technology

Technology committee has met and is planning professional development things. LCD projectors’ training was held. Not just the equipment, but how to implement it to improve student achievement.

(Are the LCD projectors wireless compatible? \$40 to get card to make it wireless. Then wireless projector will be wireless. Cords won’t be problem.)

Baby step classes on Thursday afternoons for basic stuff for things we may assume teachers know but they do not.

Wireless hubs in the building may be difficult because of the concrete walls. SPLOST III has provisions for all schools to be made wireless. We’re in SPLOST III now, but it is a five-year plan. No technology plan for SPLOST III has been released yet. We can ask for SPLOST II monies and label it “old business.”

Our network is very slow. Two anti-virus programs running at the same time. This may be the issue. Stacy is looking into this.

Inclusion classes have printers in the classroom. Who pays for the ink cartridges? Perhaps PTA would incorporate it in their budget next year.

New Business

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan contained some goals that did not relevantly tie directly toward student achievement. Those goals were removed. We are now working toward a strategic plan with fewer goals that everyone can focus on – as the county transitions and streamlines. Many remained the same from last year in the area of reading achievement, For example, Accelerated Reader is a supplemental enrichment program, but the goal in the Strategic Plan was removed, because it is not a curriculum program. Goals in the area of math achievement remained consistent. As far as things that were removed, we took out specific skill goals about subtraction facts, etc. Goals now are more on exceeding expectations on CRCT. Increasing the number of students who meet Level III on the CRCT is a goal for all grade levels. Two new goals in the area of professional development were added: 1) Measuring the percentage of teachers demonstrating implementation of GPS in their classroom (rubrics, essential questions posted, utilizing many resources, displaying quality student work), and 2) Self assessment scores on nine common traits of professional learning communities will increase.

Fourth Grade Teacher

Gayle Middleton, new teacher. MPE parent. Subbed her for a long time here. Taught one year at Crabapple Middle School, part-time. Students are happy. Class is organized She is having good communication with parents. Fourth grade team had significant input into selection of this new teacher.

Honor Roll

Same children will be on the list. Other children will be over-shadowed. Let them be and a “kid” and save the honor roll for middle and high school. No “honor roll”, but we will honor children in other areas. Children achieve in varying areas. Let’s recognize students for sports, music, arts, etc.

Math Curriculum

Students need to bring home the student handbook in order to be successful with math homework. You can also access it on line. Student handbook will show the strategies that are being taught in class. Transition to the new math curriculum is difficult for teachers, students and parents. If students are having difficulty with math homework, parents should not try to teach the students, but rather have the students return to the teacher and explain they did not understand so that they teacher has a clear picture of

what the student understands and what concepts need to be re-taught. Parents can attend a Math Forum (they are at area schools and have been announced in The Mustang Flyer).

For the Next Meeting

How do we talk about technology with a focus on solutions rather than problems?

Business for the Next Meeting

Technology

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