

**LSAC Meeting  
November 2, 2007  
Mountain Park Elementary School**

In attendance:

Ann Bersson, Andrea Navarra, Ron Vahey, Stacy Perlman, Kelly Magoon, Diane Peoples, Kati Searcy, Katha Stuart, Laurie Crossley

Approval of last meeting's minutes - APPROVED

Old Business:

Technology

SEM 4<sup>th</sup> trouble getting lab computers to work consistently

Cheat sheet needed for volunteers / teachers for glitches that often happen

Post on each computer – if you are locked out - what to do – Kati will do this

No discretionary funds available to hire someone to work in the lab at this time.

(assistant-type position, not a teaching position)

In the future, we could possibly use a teacher position to teach technology.

Pin drive is an option to server. Teachers can ask students to provide pin drives.

New Business

Checkpoints Tests –

District-based assessments designed as benchmarks. 3, 4, and 5 just took them in reading and math. If a child gets 40% at this point in the year, this would be good. This is a good pre-assessment tool to see who has already mastered standards and areas where the teachers needs to focus instruction as they head for the CRCT in spring. They are two benchmark tests prior to the CRCT. Parents do not get these scores. It's not really a "test". Students are not graded on this. It is more a diagnostic tool for teachers to use for planning what to do for individual students to meet their needs. Teachers will be allotted time to sit down and analyze the data to make instructional decisions.

Building Renovations –

Several construction meetings have taken place. The two areas of focus are parking and additional building space. Regarding parking...there is a triangular piece of land across the street that would cost \$250,000 to build 15 – 20 spaces. This has not been completely ruled out yet. We are now looking now at extending the upper parking lot on the property between the current parking lot and Brookfield West. Regarding the building addition, originally scheduled for the back of the building (courtyard, gazebo area) – it is

now scheduled to go off the fourth grade wing where Brooks 'and Chamberlin's trailers are now. Two stories / 16 new class rooms. Parking construction is scheduled to begin first, in the spring of 2008. Fifth grade trailers will be moved to the soccer field before building construction begins (summer 2008). Restroom accommodations need to be considered if these classes are on the field.

#### Early Release Day Schedules –

Ann Bersson brought the concern that we need to consider how to maximize instructional time for the students on this day. If we are counting this as a full day of instruction, then instruction should be happening. We may be able to look at the lunch. There is a rule that you have to serve lunch. Very few children receive subsidized lunch. We need to have the opportunity offer lunch, but don't need to have a set lunch time. Teachers feel like they are able to successful deliver instruction. If the school is using the professional development time effectively, it is going to improve instruction on the other days of the month. Specialist times are being rotated. Specialist areas are not focuses on the CRCT. Are specialist areas considered "core academics?" If not, perhaps those classes could be eliminated on early-release days. Legally, we must provide P.E. Could Music and Art teachers have duties in the homeroom classrooms helping facilitate instruction? Teachers would miss their individual planning time if the children do not go to music and art. K-3 teachers have four planning periods per week. 4 -5 teachers have five planning periods per week. A possibility is that the elimination of specialists at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade level might be a solution to this problem. Mrs. Bersson also was concerned that the county should be paying for additional days for the teachers to do this and not penalize our students for this. Developing professional learning communities is a work-in-progress. We have not had an increase in absentees on the early release days.

#### Other business –

Staph infections – none here yet. Perhaps a little blurb from the nurse in the Mustang Flyer and information shared with teachers would be pro-active.

Next meeting:

Follow up on Early-Release Days