

## Lanai Road School Site Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Meeting called to order at 2:05pm

### 1. PTA programs-Miki Chase

A. Arts Program: Due to budget cuts, we will be losing the arts prototype program that was funded through the district, which included theater, dance, and yoga classes among other fine arts. The PTA will be supporting our arts curriculum. There is already a comprehensive visual arts program in place that would continue with classes having parents volunteer as art docents. Traci Mariano will be organizing a program in which parents would volunteer to teach lessons in specific areas of the fine arts, i.e. a class in improvisation or square dancing. Teachers would then have the chance to sign up by theme or grade level for specific lessons.

B. Field Trips: Currently, PTA pays for 1 field trip per class. Then teachers can use stipend money, class funds, ask parents to pay for their child, or see if parents would sponsor the class for additional field trips. There is some question of equity if some classes choose to go on more field trips. It was also discussed whether the parents should be picking out field trips or if the teacher should let parents know which field trips could be sponsored. Mrs. Kent will check with teachers and see how they feel about field trips.

### 2. Calendar- Mary Melvin/ Ellyn Kent

It is proposed that there will be five furlough days during this school year, as well as seven for next school year. That means that to save the district money, schools would be closed during the furlough days and teachers/staff would not get paid for those days. If the teacher's union gets a majority vote to approve the furlough days, and if the district ratifies it, there would be one furlough day on Friday, May 28 and four furlough days at the end of the year. School would end on June 18 rather than June 24. UTLA will be voting this week, so we should find out soon so that schedules can be adjusted. We should find out in mid-May which teachers will be let go. Mrs. Melvin believes that the majority of teachers that were given pink slips will be able to return.

### 3. Budget-Mary Melvin

A. Categorical Funds: Lanai has budgeted categorical funds from LAUSD for this school year in the following areas: Teacher Aide Support, Class Size Reduction Teacher, Workbook materials for CELDT, Parent Center Director, ELAC expenses, and ELD coordinator time. \$14,901 is budgeted in the area of aid for English Learners, \$28,600 for increasing academic achievement, and \$1,500 for other areas.

B. Proposed Funding: Superintendent Cortinez is proposing giving \$75,000 to non-Title 1 schools to make the budgets more equitable. It may be possible to use for teachers and reducing class sizes. The school's goal will be to use the money for direct service to students. Mrs. Melvin is hopeful that the district may cap K-3 classes at 24 for next year and 4-5 classes at 33 students.

#### May Agenda items:

Budget allocation for next year

Reading scores by grade level

Support of Spelling program

Looking at school's focus on Science and Gardening

Impact of losing Special Ed program and aides

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Gayle Spindler