**New Highland Elementary**

**Site Based Decision Making Council Meeting**

**February 2, 2012**

The New Highland Site Based Decision Making Council met on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 2:35 p.m. in Ms. Foster’s classroom.

**Members present included:** Claudia Wilburn, Monica O’Donnell, Georgia Gordon, J.D. Duncan, and Mark Thomas. Mr. Thomas introduced and welcomed our two new parent representatives.

**Members absent:** Karen Drake

**Agenda:** Mr. Thomas reviewed the agenda with the council and recognized the visitors.

**Visitors present:**  Terrie Morgan, Kristin Gani, Chalis Packer, Teresa Edlin, Kim Sweet, and Bonnie Turner.

**Minutes Review:** The minutes of the monthly meeting in January were reviewed. J.D. Duncan made a motion to accept the minutes and Georgia Gordon seconded it.

**Old Business:**

**Roundtable Discussion:** The SBDM Council is invited to attend the Roundtable Discussion on February 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Radcliff Elementary School. A graph was handed out for the council to review which included the programs currently being funded and the need for them to continue. This graph will be presented at the Roundtable Discussion.

**Technology:** Research is still being done on considering the purchase of IPads and the cost effectiveness is being considered on the type of IPad to purchase and its applications. The council would like to see a school with this type of technology already in use. New Highland would like the IPads implemented into the classroom causing more efficient and effective methods where students learn at higher levels.

**New Business:**

**FRC Continuation Plan:**  Teresa Edlin, FRC Coordinator, presented to the council the New Highland Family Resource Center FY 13 Continuation Plan. The budget for centers across the state has not yet been released. It is anticipated that we will have more information in May. A memo was shared with the council about a possible reduction in FRYSC funds as proposed by Gov. Beshear. The FRC Components were reviewed and copies distributed. Copies of the FRC Advisory Council’s minutes were also shared. A current status budget report was given on the state grant funds, non-grant funds, and board contribution funds for New Highland. A two percent cut in funding was recently announced for state funds for our current year. The FRC has not yet been notified of the adjusted amount. Ms. Gordon expressed support for the work that the center gives to the school. Georgia Gordon made a motion to approve the FRC Continuation Plan. J. D. Duncan seconded it.

**Title I:** The Title I budget was approved in November; however, an amended budget was passed out to the council for review and approval. Half of Ms. Packer’s salary will not be coming from Title I funds for next year. Georgia Gordon made a motion to accept the amended budget. Monica O’Donnell seconded it.

**Volunteer Banquet:** Plans for this year’s Volunteer Banquet are coming together, in addition to our many volunteers being invited, we will also be inviting the volunteers from Northside Baptist Church who continually help build up the staff at New Highland.

**Master Calendar:** A representative from each grade level, classified staff, and special area will help start the Master Calendar for the next school year.

**Program Review:** A power point slide show was presented to the council to illustrate a program called Program Review. It shows the strengths and weaknesses of our school and ensures we are meeting the needs of our students in every area. The slide show will also be presented to the staff at the next faculty meeting. SBDM will decide whether we implement this program in our school.

**Committee Review:** No committee policies or minutes were reviewed at this time.

**Instruction:** No items were addressed at the meeting.

**Student Achievement/Success Stories:** A newspaper article was presented to the council about a New Highland student, Malaya Ignacio, who served the community in a special way. At Christmas, instead of wanting presents, she collected enough hygiene products, socks and blankets to give to every resident of Woodland Terrace Nursing Home. Malaya and her family spent Christmas morning with the residents at the nursing home.

**Finance:** Georgia Gordon made a motion to accept the finance report and Monica O’Donnell seconded. Mr. Duncan asked how long an account is carried on the books before being closed out; we were informed the account must be carried one full year before being taken off the books.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Monica Oliver