Morningside Elementary School

SBDM Minutes

December 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. .

Members present were Joe Nepi, Karla Buckingham, Tabitha Kerr, Kristin Willett and Kelly Cruze.

Council reviewed current agenda and minutes from November 18th, 2013. Tabitha Kerr made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes; motion was seconded by Kristin Willett. All were in consensus.

Joe Nepi shared his Principal’s report with council members including the following:

--Current enrollment is around 518-520.

--Project Lead the Way is underway in the second and fourth grades. In this pilot year, they have realized a strong need for organization on the front end by the company and there is some concern about the connection of the standards being taught to the currently assessed science standards in Core Content 4.1. The units of PLTW are more aligned with the new standards that will be implemented later. But there is high engagement and students love the technology component

--The Professional Development portion of Jan. 6th will be related to the needs on the Program Review. In the morning session, Kelly Cruze, Kristin Willett and Sherry Barnard will have sessions related to music, art and dance. The afternoon session will be devoted to Professional Learning Communities. Professional Development is still needed in the area of practical living; however, the research done by the Program Review Committee and Mr. Nepi has not resulted in viable opportunities in this area.

Joe Nepi reported to Council:

--The Distinguished Luncheon went well. Students enjoyed their lunch from

McDonald’s.

--More teachers are recognizing their students for scoring proficient and

distinguished on their open responses. Specifically, 1st, 4th and 5th grades have

recently recognized students.

--Mrs. Laura Beth Hayes nominated Jenna Smallwood as the December Student

of the Month.

--Fifth grade’s D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony went well with 100% participation

by two out of four classes. All students who completed the requirements enjoyed

pizza afterward.

Joe Nepi presented to Council the year to date budget for Section 6 and General Fund for their review. Mr. Nepi reported to Council that he had inquired and found that the extra money in activity accounts must be for kids and cannot be spent on playground, security or sidewalks. Since it is not a recurring fund, the money should not be spent on anything requiring continuous funding each year. However, Section 6 money can be spent on security and playground maintenance. The pieces needed to repair the playground have been ordered and the district maintenance employees will be making the repairs. There is still approximately $3,700 in contingency which could pay for the buzzer/closure on the door exiting the office near the copier. Mr. Nepi has requested a bid on the cost of the job but has not received that bid. Mr. Nepi did speak with Mr. Ballard regarding the installation of door access control on the outer door of the building but Mr. Ballard’s opinion was that it was not in the best interest of MES to limit that access.

Joe Nepi shared the results of the third grade teacher interview process. There were thirty applicants and four were interviewed. The interview committee chose the person who was the best fit for the position at this time. Mr. Nepi will call and offer the position to the candidate later today.

Council reviewed the draft of the Consolidated School Plan and asked for clarification of some activities and recommended the inclusion of Career Day activities to support the Program Review process. Career Day is scheduled for February 12th and is being coordinated through Bonnie Young.

Council reviewed the Committee minutes.

Mr. Nepi asked Council for suggestions on the next policy to revise. Pursuant to a staff member’s request, the dress code policy will be revisited in January.

Closing Business:

Other Business: None at this time.

The next regular meeting will be on January 21, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

Kristin Willett made a motion to adjourn; Kelly Cruze seconded and all were in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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