New Highland Elementary

Site Base Decision Making Council Meeting

September 9, 2010

The New Highland Elementary Site Base Decision Making Council met on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 4:05 pm in Mr. Thomas' Office.

Members present were: Stephanie Brown, Annette Burkhart, Gilbert Sutton, Georgia Gordon and Mark Thomas

Members not present: Karen Drake, Lana Mitchell, and Christine Baldwin

No Visitors attended the meeting.

Old Business:

The minutes from the last meeting dated August 6, 2010 were reviewed and discussed. Gilbert Sutton made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Annette Burkhart seconded the motion.

New Business:

Financial Reports reviewed and discussed. Annette Burkhart made a motion to approve the financial reports and Gilbert Sutton seconded the motion.

Mr. Thomas informed the council that the NRT (Norm Reference Test) results from last year are in. There will be a meeting to discuss the test scores in the near future to review them. The results will be analyzed.

Mrs. Packard is leading parent volunteer open house to encourage parent involvement. The first meeting was held September 8, from 5:00-7:00 pm. There was a great turnout. Kristin Gani is working on Saturday School so students can receive tutoring from volunteers, the first date is set for Saturday, September 11, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Fifth Grade is also sponsoring tutoring on Monday afternoons for 5th grade students who need help in academic areas.

"Hooray for Heroes" from 5-7 pm will kick off tonight honoring our firemen, police and military. The book fair will stay open during those hours as well. Parents and students are invited to attend and have their favorite book read to them by a service man or woman.

On Saturday, September 25th, from 9 to 12 pm, the Beautification Committee will work on cleaning up, painting and fixing minor repairs at school. This effort is organized by Stephanie Gray. The playground fence will be painted, and flowers will be planted.

Barry Cox is a recent hire. He is teaching a 2nd/3rd grade split classroom. He brings 31 years experience and is an excellent addition to our staff. Also, Shannon Powell was moved to teach 1st/2nd grade split. We are excited to have her back in the classroom.

Mr. Thomas indicated the teacher student ratio is continuing to grow. Eventually, we may need to hire another teacher. Our space is limited, there are no classrooms available. Several possibilities were discussed if this happens. No decisions have been made.

The MMD teacher, Jessica Purchis, accepted a new position as Special Education Consultant with Hardin County Central Office. Interviews start Monday, September 13, 2010 to fill the position.

New committee lists and their purposes were reviewed by members. The new committees are as follows: Planning/Professional Development Committee, School Culture Committee and Budget Committee. Site Base will oversee the committee recommendations. The SBDM will also begin looking at policies and procedures. Stephanie Brown made a motion to accept the new committees and their responsibilities, and Gilbert Sutton seconded the motion.

Committee adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gordon