New Highland Elementary

Site Base Decision Making Council Meeting

October 14, 2010

The New Highland Elementary Site Base Decision Making Council met on Thursday, October 14, 2010 and called to order at 2:35 pm in the Hearing Impaired Room.

Members present were: Stephanie Brown, Annette Burkhart, Lana Mitchell, Karen Drake, Georgia Gordon and Mark Thomas

Members not present: Gilbert Sutton and Christine Baldwin

Visitors attending the meeting were Teresa Edlin and Chalis Packer

**Old Business**:

The minutes from the last meeting dated September 9, 2010 were reviewed and discussed. Karen Drake made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Stephanie Brown seconded the motion.

**New Business**:

Welcome Teresa Edlin! Ms. Edlin, Resource Center Director, passed out information on Saturday school. She shared with the council that due to budget cuts the resource center is operating on a zero operating budget. The center is able to still provide service to many families, and is excited about Saturday school. Through a joint effort of the resource center, Mrs. Gani and Carol Sizemore, Saturday school has been growing in numbers. Its name SAFARI (students and families are reading increasingly) is an effort to get families reading and giving parents the tools to help their child read more fluently. The computer lab and library is open to check out books and take Accelerated Reader tests. Ms. Edlin informed the group that 23 students, 12 adults and 10 volunteers participated last Saturday. The target group is K-2 graders, at this time, but hope to include all grade levels. It lasts 1.5 hours each Saturday. SAFARI has met three Saturdays so far, but the results are very encouraging. Students made Dolch word lists and put them on key chains. Parents and their child practice these anywhere they have a few minutes free. Parent connections are being made and parent involvement continues increasing.

Welcome Chalis Packer! Ms. Packer, Assistant Principal, informed the council that she is in the process of creating a master schedule for special education teachers. In an effort to increase effectiveness and use all resources available to meet the needs of our students all schedules are being reviewed. The master schedule, will be reviewed by the facilitators of Special Education and then made available to all teachers. This is an effort to increase student achievement with efficient, effective use of time.

Ms. Packer also discussed the Mentoring Program she has started with students in grades 3-5. Students who have weaknesses in certain areas and could benefit from a mentor will be signed up for this special program.

Also, Ms. Packer discussed the October 22, 2010, Awards Ceremony. Students K-2 will celebrate in the morning and grades 3-5 will celebrate in the afternoon. Awards will be presented for Most Improved, Perfect Attendance, A's and B's, A's, and Distinguished/Proficient.

Financial Reports reviewed and discussed. Karen Drake made a motion to approve the financial reports and Stephanie Brown seconded the motion.

Mr. Thomas shared with the council, the fact that the school will be classified as a school in assist based on last year's state scores. School procedures are being reviewed and modified improving student learning. A master schedule will be worked on in order for our school to reach its potential. We are targeting struggling sub-populations as identified by NCLB results.

**New Highland's Cleanup Day Update**
On September 25, 2010 the Jr. ROTC students, FFA and a host of volunteers, teachers, and staff came out to paint and clean up around our school. Many thanks to all who helped. Our school is looking much better!

**New Hire**

Brandon Minton was hired to teach in the MMD classroom. Welcome Brandon!

Also, on October 26, 2010 from 6-7:30 p.m. New Highland will celebrate student scores.

Committee adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gordon