

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 2008

We took attendance and everyone signed the roll. We were excited to have a Spanish translator to help translate for our Spanish parents. The roll is included in the Community Council notebook.

We also discussed some things that we learned from our Community Council training meeting in early September:

- We will be required to record the meetings and post them on the school website. When we receive the digitalized voice recorder from the district, we will start recording the meetings. We will also post highlights from our meetings in the monthly school newsletter that goes home to all parents.
- We discussed that the Community Council should first assess the overriding needs of the school and then teachers could apply for before and after school projects that meet those needs. Teachers are paid for projects through QTSA (Quality Teacher Student Achievement) funds.

We went over some of the basic guidelines and information for parents new to the Hillsdale Community Council this year. The following was discussed:

We did not make AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) in 2007-08. We have \$29,454.00 QTSA money this year to help the kids make AYP. This money is to be used for math and reading student improvement.

We also have Trustlands funds that we are using to fund a ½ time math specialist, art specialists and math aides.

As a Title 1 School, we get extra money for additional teachers and aides, parent involvement (such as family nights), and professional development.

We planned our meetings dates for the year. We will meet at 4:15 pm on the 4th Monday of each month with the exception of two months involving holidays. The dates are as follows: October 27, November 17, no meeting in December, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 18, and June 22.

It was decided that parent Ramona Barela would be the secretary and co-chair for the year and would take the minutes each time. Teri Tillotson, 6th grade teacher, will be the Chair this year. The positions of chair and co-chair alternative each year between parent and school staff members.

See page 2 for QTSA proposals.