

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting
Monday February 23, 2009
Monroe Media Center 4pm

Those attending: Rene Furmanski, Cheryl Redd, Connie Barney, Mamie Kynaston, Christopher Chestnut, Launa Harvey
Excused: Annetta Oberhansly

Minutes read and approved with the addition of our discussion and acceptance of the Land Trust money all going for the after school tutoring program which was inadvertently left off the minutes.

PTA report: We were well represented at the PTA Harmon days and all seemed to go well. A Sixth grade group came with their violins and played. Hoping for a good donation from this day

- Book Fair will be help in conjunction with SEP conferences.
Not a two for one deal. It is just a regular book fair.
- Bill 199 before State senate states that any group who charges dues would not be allowed in the schools which would get rid of PTA's in the schools. The national PTA requires dues according to their bylaws.
- Local PTA's and parents encouraged to call senators and voice concern about this bill.
- Mamie will get more information about it and give it to the school
- The PTA is considering selling t-shirts during SEP conferences. The PTA donated money to the school to relocate the playground to the back of the school. We want to recoup some of the costs. They are trying to decide on which is the correct date the school was established to put on the shirts.

Agenda Items:

- Five Candidates for the Community council have turned in nomination papers.
- We would like one parent to continue for continuity.
- This committee helps govern the school, plans SSAP plan according to the legislature and discussing issues pertaining to the school.

- SSAP (School/Student Achievement Plan): We have added safety patrol under support of students and spelled out SIOP = Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol.

- Monroe has a website which is located at <http://www.graniteschools.org/el/monroe/>

- Survey four years ago, less than half of the students had computers, and less than a third of those students had internet access.
- Launa will do another survey about computer and internet access availability in the homes of students.

- Strengthen communications: contracts, newsletters, website knowledge of availability
- Attendance is an important part of No Child Left Behind. We can fail on attendance problems alone.

Next meeting: March 30 we need to sign the 2009/10 Land Trust Plan. Launa will phone us if signatures are required before this date New members will be announced at this meeting.