

Morningside Elementary  
Community Council Minutes  
November 14, 2008

I. Attending: Karianne Prince, Joan Bramble, Michele Jones, Emily Allison, Leslie Lorimer, Amy Oliver, Susan Thomas, Chelle Brain, Gina Silvers, Amy Mulcock, Michael Porter, and Karen Duzy.

Excused: Cindy McCandless

Mrs. Prince welcomed everyone and Mrs. Bramble activated the voice recorder.

II. The minutes from the last meeting, October 10, 2008 were motioned to be approved by Mrs. Bramble and seconded by Mrs. Jones. Minutes were approved. There is a copy in the office for community review, and the minutes will be on the school's website.

III. Mrs. Bramble gave a brief report on Jim Day's visit in regard to the drop-off zone and parking issues. Mr. Day stated that the larger drop area on the north would require some retaining walls to be added. If the parking is extended in the front of the school, the handicap parking would be added to this area, as well as a ramp for access to the front door by the office. The school will list this as a capital project in January. The district looks at those, and if it is chosen, then a blueprint would be made sometime around March/April. The Granite School Board would need to approve it after this. There were questions as to a timeline, but it is not really known when a blueprint would actually be available. The earliest this would be built would around the 2010-2011 school year. The question came up whether the handicap parking could be on the north side of the school, eliminating the need to build a ramp in the front. The drawback these is that the access to the school is limited for the handicap on the north side and the south side, as only one door is allowed to be open during school hours, and it is the main door by the office. Mrs. Silvers asked whether there was a need for a parent in the morning on the north side of the school for Safety Patrol. She stated that the children were doing great. Mrs. Silvers and the Safety Patrol parents were thanked for their contribution to keeping the drop off areas safe this year.

IV. Mrs. Bramble reported on the SSAP which was submitted in October and is available on line. We review the 2007-2008 School Plan Final Report. Several of the budgeted items were catagorized in different areas than where

we had allocated them. (i.e. AR quizzes were shown under Other Purchased Services instead of Library Books.) We discussed the Math Lit kits that were purchased last year. Mrs. Bramble stated that they were Science Lit books that might be helpful in meetin our goals this year. It was suggested that the teachers be asked whether they utilize the Math Lit books. Mr. Porter stated that he had used one last year, but hadn't yet this year. Mrs. Bramble said the the teachers are still in the learning curve in using the Every Day Math program. She is seeing good things from this program, but thinks the teachers may be more open to the Math Lit books after the holiday break. Mrs. Prince asked whether we could ask parents for donations to fund the \$3000 for the Science Lit books. Mrs. Bramble said that could be viewed as a fundraiser. She stated that if she has extra funds, she would look into allocating them for the Science Lit books.

V. Mrs. Prince reported on a meeting she had with Mayor Dennis Webb of Holladay. Our newest boundary area, across 4500 South is part of Holladay, and Mayor Webb is interested in forming a community education advisory council. He is contacting the Community Council chairs of the various schools and asking them to be part of his Education Advisory Council. This increases community involvement with schools, and gives the schools a forum for involvement with the community. The meeting will be quarterly, starting in January. Mrs. Prince asked for our support in her joining in this endeavor. We agreed to support her. She will report on the January meeting.

VI. Under other business, Mrs. Duzy asked about the district letter on AYP/NCLB. Mrs. Bramble explained that the district had the report where they needed to improve and how they were going to improve the areas needed.

Mrs. Bramble stated that Science is already a focus of CDT and that the faculty has been made aware that Science was the SSAP third goal. The sixth grade teachers are teaming to put together experiments for their classes. The aide helping with Mrs. Sagers in the afternoon has experience teaching science and is working with those sixth graders while Mrs. Sagers focuses on the fifth grade curriculum.

We will examin the mid-year review due in February at our January meeting.

Mrs. Prince requested that the December meeting be cancelled.

Our next meeting will therefore be January 9, 2009 at 1:45pm in the Morningside Library.

The meeting was adjourned and the voice recorder turned off.