

Morningside Elementary
Community Council Minutes
September 12, 2008

- I. Karianne Prince welcomed everyone to the first Community Council meeting of the school year. She introduced the new teacher members, Cindy McCandless, and Michael Porter. Then introductions were made of the parent members. Those present were Karianne Prince, Emily Allison, Cindy McCandless, Michael Porter, Joan Bramble, Michelle Jones, Chelle Brain and Leslie Lorimer. Kim Cronin was absent.
Karianne expressed that Kim is looking to be replaced as she doesn't have time to serve on the council this year.
- II. The minutes from the May 22 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved. There is a copy in the office for community perusal.
- III. Community Council Training will be Monday, September 15, 2008 at Olympus High School at 4:00 p.m. Karianne encouraged all to attend.
- IV. Joan Bramble reviewed the Trust Land Fund guidelines, that the funding is based on the previous year's student enrollment. We have utilized this money in the past for CDT, library books, field trips. This year we have \$21,658.85; CDT will be approximately \$13,000 with a matching grant. The remainder of our Trust Land money and QTSA funds (\$15,309.00) will go to an hourly teacher for relief in split classrooms. Joan handed out the QTSA Budget Worksheet and the Trust Land Fund Budget Worksheet. The school enrollment is settled on September 15. There is a possibility that there will be enough students to dissolve the 5th/6th split or to do 2 thirty hour aides whom could help with all classes. (These would be in addition to Karen Oliver and our current aides.) The Magnet program has a few classes that are larger than their projected target numbers.

Our SSAP needs to be submitted by October 24. Joan will have the testing data to view where our critical needs are at our next meeting. The Diebels testing should be done by then, also. We will review the SSAP and the school goals at our next meeting to facilitate our SSAP.

- V. Chelle Brain reported from the PTA that Lisa McDonald has done a great job with safety and signs for the drop-off areas. Michelle Jones offered to laminate the Teacher's Parking Area sign, as it appears to be out of poster board. Mr. Porter reported that there are 28 regulars for Safety Patrol and that it is going well. He also noted that there are only six posts for the students, as parents, and crossing guards are in place this year. It was noted that the painting for curbs, no parking zone, etc was completed over the summer. The drop-off seems better so far, this year, but if the signs aren't out, people seem to forget what is acceptable, and it is hard to enforce. Joan is on the look out for "green guy" slow down signs.
- VI. Did we ever get any information from Jim Day to see if there are any options that will improve our safety and parking situation without the drive-through? Joan explained that the parking situation is the school's #1 safety issue and that it must be addressed before she can do other improvements. She will call Jim Day and see if he what other options he can recommend. The school is to have the general election booths here and the parking, ADA availability are serious concerns. The voting will be in the P.E. room this year.

The agenda on the home page was not linking, and there were questions about whether the newsletter could have one attachment instead of two.

The next meeting will be held in the Morningside Library at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2008.