

PTO Meeting Minutes 5/20/2014

Van Hise Elementary School

Present: PTO Board members (Dana McCloskey, Sarah Van Riet, Carousel Bayrd, Shelby Connell) + Principal Peg Keeler + 1 teacher + 23 parents

6:30 p.m	<p>SIP Goals & planning for next year's SIP (see powerpoint also)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- School Improvement Plan (SIP)- means organizing resources and time for children. Timeline: district asking for plans ready by 6/1/14. We don't have all our data in yet and Peg hoping for input from parents today; 5/28 district leadership day to work on plan which is submitted 6/1 but remains a "draft" until fall.- VHE Goals in reading and math (more focused on reading with also some attention to math as well)- Expect that these main goals of 1 reading, 1 math will remain for next year with some fine tuning- Instructional practices focused on this year: 1) Gradual release of responsibility 2) Closely reading to find evidence in text- School closely monitors progress and supports teachers- District goal to engage family and community- two way communication will help children learn- staff and parents must be partners. Peg seeking input tonight. <p>2013-2014 GOALS SIP review: MAP testing is only metric used across country to give feedback on growth/progress. It is a better measure than old WKCE once a year testing, but still isn't perfect.</p> <p>Goals were reading proficiency 63% (gr 3-5 only)-- we met this by winter, don't have spring results yet</p> <p>[Parent Ques; why was 63% chosen? Peg's Ans: It was about 10% higher than last spring's school MAP scores, advised by statistician.]</p> <p>Growth for reading was targeted at 62% (compare fall MAP to spring MAP) w/additional focus goals for African Americans and Advanced learners (defined by those in 95th%ile or above). Data looks good right now, but no final data yet.</p> <p>Math goals for proficiency, overall goal 74% with additional focus goals for African American and Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch</p> <p>Math growth goal was 72% with additional focus goals for Hispanic and students qualifying for free/reduced lunch</p>	Mrs. Keeler
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	<p>To improve communication... The school as a whole implemented the following fall 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. weekly newsletters (may be paper, email, blogs, etc). Seeking input to make this better. 2. share with families how intervene with children 3. survey families (e.g. after open house asked for feedback) 4. Student support team structure for advanced learners- will have a 50% staff resource for this next year 5. Monthly newsletter includes data on goal progress. 6. Also added room parent idea- communication was idea for this <p>MMSD has family and community engagement standards- VHE will focus on #2 & 3 fall 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) welcome all families 2) communicate effectively 3) support student success 4) speak up for every child 5) sharing power 6) collaborate with community <p>Next steps: Parents will be surveyed about classroom and school communication and how to improve, what works. Tonight the group spent 20 min doing this as well.</p> <p>Allocations: Staffing for next fall: VHE has been multi-age but common core standards require teacher to focus on single grades K-5. Focus next year will be on grade and instructional team planning, teaching & problem solving. Will plan to loop teachers K->1 and 4->5 starting fall. 2nd and 3rd grade will stay not loop because content is so intense at those levels. Future it may be different, but for next year will loop at only k/1 and 4/5.</p> <p>Teacher teams for fall 2014 (plus additional resource teachers)</p> <p>K: Robbins-Wright/Zillner sharing rm 100, Mcguire, Riecke, 1st : Mileham/Masha sharing rm 101, Savage, Butler 2nd Stehle, Martin, Zucker 3rd: Powell, Nelson, New teacher (Ostertag moving on to do further education) 4th: Miller, Jimenez, Peterson 5th: Mahr, Christopherson, Gunderson</p>	
7:30	10 minute Break—Then Business meeting with PTO board members present + Principal Keeler + 1 teacher + 12 parents	
7:40	March Meeting Minutes Approval – Dana motions to approve with any edits tonight, Ellen 2nds, all approve, none opposed.	Shelby

7:45	<p>2014-2015 Board Announcements President: Shelby Connell Secretary: Eileen Snyder Treasurer: Dana McCloskey Co-Event Coordinators: Heidi Weitzman & Kristin Ruedi-Krause Communications Coordinator: Jolynne Roorda At Large Members: Rachel Betzen and Becky Brausen</p>	Shelby Connell
7:55	<p>Events Update Science fair last month, about 50 kid projects, went well. May need more committee help next year. Art fair raised \$2200 similar to last year, many student vendors. Visiting artist - we have now reached goal raising \$10,200 from combined Beth's award money and PTO art classes and art fair and box tops and coin drive and some personal donations. School Supplies- learning curve, pilot this year, about 50 orders so far, not a fund raiser this time around. Hedgie Gear- about 75 orders and pick up will be 6/2, 5:30pm, Metcalfe's donating ice cream. Will need helpers to scoop. Will have Edy's frozen fruit bars as alternative. Similar plan for events next year as this year. Might add on a fun walk with ice cream social next year.</p>	Shelby Connell
8:10	<p>Budget On track. Moving to next year we have surplus \$26,000 with outstanding expenses of up to \$13,000. Discussing where to put that money. Per Shelby, a group has started meeting to discuss playground with district reps, etc. Board needs to decide how much money PTO will put out to start and then announce probably next fall that will start really fund raising for it. Will put out request for a larger group of parents, teachers, kids to give input on design, etc. Time For Kids- Peg states that teachers use this heavily and rely on it and appreciate when PTO can help fund. All present tonight who expressed opinion agree to fund again at least partial.</p>	Dana McCloskey
8:20	<p>Other June meeting – Discussion on content- agreement that will be Board only to plan for next year but all are welcome to attend if interested Peg mentions that VHE was awarded \$8000 grant for garden! And \$1500 for Art in Garden from GROW coalition.</p>	