

VAN NUYS MIDDLE SCHOOL
A California Partnership School
SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: 10/20/2009 TIME: P.M. 3:15
LOCATION: Family Center

In Attendance: G. Kommer, J. Phillips, B. Teixeira, M. Crowe, A. Mansur, A. Barner, J. Clemmensen, H. Kolb, E. Schroefer, K. Chin, R. Rosales, K. Koppel,

MINUTES

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Dr. Barner
- II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Meeting minutes were not available for adoption.
- III. AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved with the addition of one item concerning the Department/Team schedule.
- IV. STUDENT LEADERSHIP: The college door decorating judging will take place on October 22 & 23. The Halloween dance has been scheduled for Oct. 30. Leadership still has not secured a DJ for the dance. An ipod option was discussed but rejected because students want a real “dance” experience. October 28 will be college shirt day. Reward options for students were discussed. October 30 – Halloween contest/parade at Lunch. (need a PA system)
November birthday jamboree is scheduled November 18.
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Officers were elected. K. Chin – timekeeper, B. Teixeira – secretary, D. Phillips – process observer.
 - B. Parents will be invited to join the committee to ensure more parent involvement on campus. Our next meeting will be in the library to accommodate a larger group.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Action Research is proceeding. Still in the early phase, with some issues to be worked out. Still need to look at giving Teams more meeting time, where meetings take place, and notification of meetings.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

Title I is going to have two copy machines, which should avoid overages. The teachers will be getting a new copy machine and Duplo machine. Purchases have not been made yet. Mr. Mansur offered some concern about the amount of copies that can be made on the Duplo with no teacher accountability. There was a lengthy discussion on the amount of paper that is being used on campus. Can we ration? Should we ration? Printers throughout the campus were identified, numbering 21. Mr. Kommer suggested teachers need instruction on how to use the network printers effectively without wasting paper and toner. Dr. Barner will look into the matter in order to keep costs down.

SCHEDULING COMMITTEE:

All teachers must make calendar requests through Dr. Barner.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE:

The Discipline committee met on Oct 13. The campus has been quiet. Mr. Hayes has had a 70% turnout rate for detention so far this year. There are many positive activities on campus to keep students out of trouble. Most referrals are peaking around 11 – 12 every day. Referral rates are down compared to last year. There was some discussion about the tardy situation, particularly during homeroom.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Crowe reported that the EXPLORER test will take place on November 9. Eighth graders will take the test which is given in place of the PSAT. The test will take place in homeroom.

Fundraisers. The committee needs to think about little fundraisers that happen on campus and whether they should occur.

VII. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on November 17 in the library.