

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

DATE: 02/16/2010 TIME: P.M. 3:15
LOCATION: Family Center

In Attendance: G. Kommer, J. Phillips, B. Teixeira, A. Mansur, C. Harris, B. Kline, A. Barner, C. Harris, J. Clemmensen, Teresita Tapia, Flor Shamamyam, H. Kolb

MINUTES

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Barner at 3:15.
- II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: D. Phillips moved that the minutes be approved as written. Seconded and approved.
- III. AGENDA APPROVAL: Dr. Barner moved that we accept the agenda items as amended. Seconded and approved.
- IV. STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

These are the dates for the upcoming Leadership events.

- Birthday Jamboree for January and February
- Green “St. Patrick’s Day” shirt
- PHBAO – need Leadership help?
- Birthday Jamboree for March
- Tuesdays-College Shirt Day-should we continue them? (Yes – this is working well and will definitely be continued.) This item will be added to the Binder Reminder.
- Dances need more chaperones or we will have to cancel all future dances! The next dance cannot happen if we don’t have at least 7 chaperones. Leadership would like to have the next dance before Spring Break.
- Suggestions for new Leadership sponsor? (This is being looked at.)

- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Child care center – Mrs. Phillips suggested that we think about locating a child care center on campus. Dr. Barner advised that we need to write a grant if we wish to consider having a child care center on campus.
- Eighth grade mural – We need to invite Mr. Day and Ms. Achenbach to our next meeting to present their proposal for producing new murals on campus.

- VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- There was no new business to discuss.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

- No budget items needed discussing.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

- Action Research is limping along. Much of our energies are being focused on RTI at the moment. There is a reluctance on the part of many teachers to fully engage the process. Some groups are trying to get the most out of the time. The PD committee needs to sit down and figure out how we are going to move forward. In the meantime, Mr. Teixeira will record some groups in action so that those who are struggling can get a better idea of how the process works.
- February 23: We will be having several workshops focusing on CST strategies. Clemmensen will facilitate the School Website workshop, Mr. Teixeira will facilitate the exciting CST Materials workshop, Mr. Moche will facilitate the iGoogle workshop.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

- We are still working on purchasing the new copying machine.

SCHEDULING COMMITTEE:

- BMX: Mr. Rosales discussed possible days on which the BMX event could occur. He proposed April 15 as a possible date.
- The Governor's Physical Fitness Challenge will be kicking off on February 23 at VNMS
- I Think You Can Dance assembly: This is for students who fulfill the criteria set down for doing the CST successfully. Dr. Barner will be confirming the date.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE:

- We are looking to purchase a new piece of technology/equipment that will help us monitor, document, and track the tardy situation on a daily basis. The device comes from PlastcoTrac Mobile. It is basically a portable scanner. We will be trying the system out during a free 30-day trial to assess the benefits.
- Mr. Hayes presented updated data pertaining to discipline.
- Mr. Mansur shared his concern about students sitting on the Bungalow entrance railings.

VII. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28. Our next meeting will be on March 23.