

HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting Held November 7, 2011

Members Present: Nancy Barton, Vonda Bloomquist, Amiya Chokhawala, Jill Clark, Renee Conley, Beth Ellis, Cecilie Engle, Katie Hanley, Robin Olson (for Catherine Haynes), Diane Kennedy, Sandy Koss, Stephanie Perry, Jeri Putnam, Sherrie Shaver, Nguyen Stanton, Cassandra Thomas, Stacey Thompson, Marissa Vogel, Charlotte Williams

Members Absent: Jill Brumley, Desiree Gaines, Karen Kershaw, Amy Kulik, Carolyn Opps, Celeste Pustka

Co-chairperson Stacey Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM in the school library.

There was no Citizen Input.

Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting: Members were asked to review the minutes of the last meeting. Vonda Bloomquist moved approval of the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There were no nominations or awards to be presented at this meeting.

Co-Coordinator's Report: Ms. Ellis thanked everyone for attending. The Anderson High School band started our day by marching over from Anderson and playing for everyone on the blacktop. Everyone enjoyed the event!

- The Anderson Vertical Team (AVT) One World Schools Plan has been submitted to the District. We await approval. The areas of focus are Technology, Community Service and Foreign Language.
- A Sister City Committee has been formed and will meet this week.
- The Hill Week of Caring and Sharing is next week. Ms. Vogel explained the refinement of the giving process for this year, which will include the students more deeply in the program.
- Funding for the One World Schools AVT Plan includes merging some of the IB Program components into the elementary schools. Additional staff positions requested are a full-time IB Co-Coordinator and Clerk, and additional paid time for World Language teachers to write curriculum in the languages of focus—Chinese and Latin. This would also include teaching times at the elementary level. Technology requests for funding include Adobe Connect, IB Annual Fee and Innovation Stations for all Libraries. iPads and Carts were also discussed. Note that these items could cost as much as \$700,000 +/- . Discussion ensued.

Kimiko Cartwright, Principal of Murchison Middle School, will be at the November 14 Principal Coffee here at Hill. She will be happy to answer any questions of parents.

Staff Development discussion included information about the upcoming STAAR testing. Ms. Ellis showed a few samples of possible questions for Reading, Writing, and Math. She also introduced the Parents' Guide to the Student Testing Program and Increased Rigor and Implications for Teaching. Discussion ensued.

Hill is a No Place for Hate School. The Superintendent has asked for District-Wide participation in this program. Jan Phillips, Counselor, and the Student Council will lead our campus in the endeavor with the theme "Respect for All."

Building Safety included discussion of the new parking/traffic signs which are now posted. A "No Left Turn" sign has been added at Cima Serena and Tallwood. Some further signage changes will be made as all school zone signs currently up will be standardized regarding times.

Ms. Ellis reported on her participation in the Boundary/Transfer Committee. Hill is now frozen to transfers (no additional transfers will be allowed—current transfer students will continue at Hill until they reach the highest grade of the school [5th]). The District is looking at the “frozen” issue, especially as it pertains to overcrowding to North Central area overcrowding this year. Some schools in this area are at 200% capacity. The District has purchased an elementary school site in the North Central area. Ms. Ellis then talked about the Dual Language Initiative currently underway in the District. Doss will be a Korean dual language school. Summitt is a Vietnamese dual language school. She also discussed the possibility of disbanding the Alternative Learning Centers, putting those students at various other schools. She then talked about In-District Charters that are currently under discussion by the Board of Trustees.

The Hill Campus Improvement Plan has been turned in to the Central Office. Hill Staff has rewritten the Mission Statement, Vision and Beliefs for Hill. They are currently being edited/tweaked.

Ms. Ellis then told the Counsel about the HEB Excellence in Education Awards. She asked members to consider nominating deserving staff for these awards.

Ms. Ellis informed the group that she had received word from the District about an upcoming computer “refresh”—giving us new equipment to replace end of life equipment currently on campus.

The upcoming traffic changes on 360 were then discussed. They are in the process of meeting with the community on the removal of left turn lanes on to 360; meaning that cars would have to turn right, then use a “turn-around” lane further down the road.

There was no unfinished business.

No new business or agenda items were identified at this time for our next meeting (December 5).

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Koss
Secretary