

Canyon Ridge School
Site Council Minutes
September 8, 2009
Meeting One

All elected members were present and participated in the meeting

1. Nomination and election of council chair

Mr. Kevin West, principal of Canyon Ridge welcomed all members and began the meeting with the nomination of teacher Christopher Raso as Chair. Mr. Raso's eleven years experience on various site councils, and his four years experience as Chair, was noted. He was elected to the position of Chair by unanimous vote of the current council.

2. Discussion and adoption of by-laws and collaborative norms

The by laws adopted for the Site Council of 2008-2009 were examined and edited us during this academic year. Changes to the by laws included a discussion of electronic voting and the discussion of quorum requirements.

3. Balance of available tax expenditures and fund raising efforts

Current available balance of tax funds is \$ 5703.19 Additions to this amount will be limited until the season of tax credit donations ends on December 31, 2009. Mr. West suggested that our next meeting include additional documentation regarding the rules governing expenditures.

4. Options for a possible teacher compensation policy

Given the limitations of available funds, significant changes to the current teacher compensation policy will be required. The revised document now includes a section for stipulations and states some of the following:

- **Applications for teacher compensation for clubs and tutoring will not be accepted or evaluated until February 9, 2010.**
- **Teachers may request compensation for tutoring or a club but not both.**
- **A \$ 4000 limit will be placed on funds approved by the council for compensation purposes for extra curricular activities by teachers.**
- **Please see a complete copy of the revised by laws on the school website.**

The Chair shared the results of an electronic survey of the staff regarding compensatory requests. It was established that seven educators reported that they would seek compensation form the Site Council and five more teachers expressed a desire to request funds for needed supplies.

5. Community Outreach / Suggestions and expectations
Assistant Principal April Castillo discussed the importance of community outreach projects and the need to develop and staff events associated with tax expenditure donations by the public. The need to have council members present at these events, to field questions and interact with potential contributors will be crucial. Staff members on the council will be required to attend most meetings and participate in some of these vital fundraising drives; as they are tied to available funds.
6. Presentation of bond override objectives and needs
Mr. West presented a brief overview of the topics associated with the upcoming bond override this November. His comments were associated strictly with the facts and any additional participation or volunteering to assist with the bond will be at the discretion of individuals and not discussed on school property. (as per state and district mandates)/
7. Call to the public for questions and comments
Mr. Doug Van Horn, veteran council member asked if the council to establish a fund to assist students who want to participate in extra-curricular activities but lack the money. Mr. West agreed to explore the possibility as some doubt was expressed by the Chair regarding if district mandates/state laws would permit such an excellent endeavor.

Mr. Van Horn also suggested that a tax donations table and staff at the upcoming Dysart golf event could yield many donations. Numerous members of the council thought the idea a sound one and will coordinate their participation with Mrs. Castillo prior to the tournament on October 3, 2009.

The council agreed on the following dates for meetings this school year:

October 6, 2009, November 10, 2009, December 8, 2009, January 12, 2010, February 9, 2010, March 9, 2010, April 13, 2010, May 11, 2010.

With all business concluded, the Canyon Ridge Site Council adjourned after 48 minutes of work and discussion.