

## *Joseph Kerr Site Council Minutes March 30, 2005*

**Attending:** Susan Cooper-Start, Christine Turner, Kathi Goldsberry, Michelle Foltz, Sue McIntosh, Sandra Winter, Candace Robards, Kristina Gundunas-Smith, Paula McCormick, Adriana Jimenez, Donald Fong, Cathy Knapp, Steve Arosteguy, Trish Dwairi

- The meeting was called to order by Susan Cooper-Start.
- Ms. Cooper-Start began with introductions.
- Reading of February minutes by Michelle Foltz. Sandra Winter made a motion to approve the minutes. Christine Turner seconded it and the minutes were approved.
- New Business (Starting in this order so that our guests could report and be on their way.☺)  
The following conferences/programs were partly or fully paid through SIP funding, as voted by the council.
  1. Ms. Gundunas reported on a Saturday Seminar where she saw Fred Jones. She shared some positive reflections on the workshop.
  2. Ms. Gundunas and Ms. Robards reported on a Physical Ed. Conference (also attended by Ms. Zepeda). They shared a game with the council and shared a quiz on “fitness.”
  3. Adriana Jimenez, ELL aide, shared information on the work she is doing with our ELL students. She reported that, during zero period, she is working with students to improve their grade in all curriculum areas. There are 21-23 students attending regularly.
  4. C.A.T.E. (Teachers of English Conf.) attended by Sue McIntosh, Cathy Knapp and Joan Fleetwood. Cathy and Sue shared the program, an activity, a book “Grammar Wars” and different speakers’ messages. The teachers were in Santa Clara Thurs.-Sunday.
  5. Because we will be offering a Computer Applications class next year, a request came from David Link to install OS X in order to upgrade the computer lab computers, as well as a need to install additional RAM for operating OS X efficiently. He requested \$2,100(it may be less, as Mr. Link is looking for the best offer). A motion was made by Mr. Arosteguy to fund this request. The motion was seconded and carried.
  6. Ms. D. Breault, teacher of ELL, forwarded a request for \$875 to purchase a supplemental reading program using 36 “talking” interactive theme-based books and 6 leap pads, which provide audio support in six languages. The Leap Pad learning system allows students to hear words spoken clearly in English, is designed for use in the classroom and at home and includes headphones for quiet practice. Michelle Foltz made a motion to fund this request. Don Fong seconded the motion and it was approved.
- Old Business
  1. Budget update...Mrs. Dwairi. Mrs. Dwairi advised the group to think about how to use the remaining money. She suggested that departments might receive money so that they have money to successfully start the next school year...start up money. It was suggested that Eng. Dept. receive \$3000, Library \$1000, Sp. Ed. \$500 and all other depts. \$2000. She planned to advise the dept. chairpersons to discuss, as a group, their needs and make some decisions as to spending these funds.
  2. TracKerr...they have been ordered. Ms. Dwairi shared the new cover/book with the Council.
- Next meeting will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>.  
(Note: This is a change from our original date) Agenda items will include:
  - Spending remaining monies
  - STAR testing comments
  - Sandra...report of Library Activities
  - Schedule Update
  - Discuss election of 2005-6 Site Council officers and date of next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. after a motion by Michelle Foltz. It was seconded and approved. Ms. Cooper-Start adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by K. Goldsberry