



**Mansfeld Middle School
Site Council Minutes
January 05, 2012**

Michelle Honeyman, acting facilitator for Catherine Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:11P in the Library.

Members Present: Paul DeWeerd (Principal), Michelle Honeyman (7th Grade), Vern Keim (Classified), John Kellen (Parent), Kirsta Mosconi (Navigator), Carenn Olson (6th Grade), Margaret Robles (Parent), and Tom Velde (Parent).

Absent: Kevin Brungardt (8th Grade), Giovanna Contreras (Student Body President), Catherine Davidson (Facilitator), Garry Forger (Community Representative), and Vickey Smith (Parent).

Audience: Linda Hilbert-Vasquez, After-School Programs Coordinator, Lynn Strizich, Title I administrator, and Cinthia Tanner, Teacher.

I. Call to the Audience:

The announcement was made that Catherine Davidson gave birth to her 8 lb, 9 oz son, John (JD) Davidson, on Thursday, December 29, 2011, at 5:14P.

Carenn Olson gave a quick report about the School Council training she attended on Thursday, November 17, 2011, from 5:30 – 8:00P at Tucson Magnet High School. Topics attended were about the TUSD budget process and the Systems Thinking program that is being implemented district wide.

Vern Keim alerted Mr. Paul DeWeerd that his term as the Classified representative ended in December. Since no one else has wanted to be the Classified representative, Vern graciously accepted the proposal from Mr. DeWeerd to finish out the school year as that representative. A new representative can be considered at that time.

II. Reports

1. Approval of the Minutes: Tom Velde motioned and John Kellen seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. **The November 3, 2011 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

2. Principal's Report: Paul DeWeerd reported about the activities of Mansfeld for the month of December. A Fine Arts Night was held on Thursday, December 1, 2011. Besides a chorus, the band and orchestra concerts, there was student poetry read, and student art work displayed in the main floor hallway from the Cafeteria to the Library. Also, available were more sign-ups for the SES tutoring program for the rest of the year. The tutoring will begin again on Monday, January 9, 2012. Reported by Kirsta Mosconi, Mr. DeWeerd said that there are more than 100 students who will be participating in this tutoring program until the end of the year.

The Principal wanted to honor the work of the PTSO that has been done, and is being planned for the rest of the year. PTSO was thanked for the help parents provided to the teachers with their December activities. There was a nice spread of savory and sweet snacks for the final teacher PD of the

first semester. Also appreciated were the bagels, cream cheese, and liquid available for breakfast Grading Day, Monday, December 19, 2011. Activities being planned for the Spring Semester are a community day in March, looking into providing an after-school fitness program, and meeting with a power wash company to help clean the patio area of gum. There will be a demonstration of what the power wash company is able to do on Friday, January 6, 2012. It was suggested that the PTSO get together with Wellness Committee for an after school program. There is a possibility that fitness stations will be installed around the campus from funds awarded to the Wellness Committee.

There will be a Science Night on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, from 5:30 – 7:00P. This activity is being held in conjunction with Title I requirements.

Principal DeWeerdts gave an update on the staffing changes. There is now a PE teacher, Jodi Gutierrez, and a new Science teacher, Catherine McKay. So far, the 3/5 Math teacher position is still not filled. The additional teachers have helped to adjust class sizes a bit. The current Mansfeld enrollment has been holding steady at 675 students. On Monday, January 9, 2012, Paul DeWeerdts, Richard Sanchez, Scott Lee, and Carol Wilson will be meeting to plan scheduling for the rest of the 2011-12 school year as well as start planning the fall calendar. As yet, there has been no report of the projected student enrollment for SY2012-13.

The Middle School Leadership Team has required a project from the principals that is due this week. Mr. DeWeerdts has to submit a plan on how Mansfeld will be using OCR (Office for Civil Rights)/desegregation monies.

The rest of the Principal's report was about the actions Mansfeld is taking to improve its D grade from AZLearns. TUSD has asked if Mansfeld has logged on to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) website for scores, and has the School investigated why it received the grade. Thirty-three (33) out of thirty-seven (37) teachers have been trained in Elements of Essential Instruction (EEI) with additional professional development training for EEI. Notebooks have been established to follow the test data for student, and teachers are having test talks with their students about their test scores. Intervention classes have been added to support at-risk students, and the 6th Grade Team has been asked to provide names of candidates who can benefit from the Core Plus Program, a structured intensive reading and math program.

III. Action

3. After-School Programs Funding: Linda Hilbert-Vazquez presented the Council the proposed budget for the Spring Semester programs that cover Math Counts, After-School Academy, and Think Tank. The proposed funding is \$2,373.50, which includes time and taxes. John Kellen moved to approve \$2,373.50 to fund the After-School Programs for the Spring Semester 2012. Tom Velde seconded the motion. There was discussion about a grant for the Math Counts program that could help cover costs. A suggestion to leave the amount \$305.50 as is in case something went awry with any grants was accepted. Also questioned was the amount available in the non-designated tax credit funds. Once it was determined that non-designated Tax Credits monies would still have about \$5,096.50, everyone was ready to vote. **The motion was adopted unanimously.**

4. School-Wide Title I Option: Liz Strizich, the Title I Program Administrator, was introduced by Mr. Paul DeWeerdts. Ms. Strizich first explained what the Title I Program is. Currently there are two options for schools receiving Title I funds: 1) Target Assisted Schools (TAS) and 2) School-Wide Schools (SWS). TAS receive Title I funds for targeted at-risk students. That means the money the School receives from Title I must be applied to those at-risk students and no one else as well as Title I teachers and their professional development and other activities.

If a school transitions from TAS to an SWS, then all students can have access to the help, support, and technology that is provided through Title I funds. The money does not increase, but the

funds cover a wider group of pupils. When the SES tutoring program was mentioned, Ms. Strizich stated that the tutoring is a stand-alone program.

Ms. Strizich also pointed out that TUSD has the highest poverty rate in the state. Based upon the current situation, Ms. Strizich predicted that Mansfeld will continue to receive Title I funds. A school cannot refuse to take Title I money because it is a federal program. Eligibility for Title I is based upon the number of students who have free or reduced lunch. The lowest 25% of students count to the equivalent of a 43% label.

Finally, Ms. Strizich presented to the Council a matrix of transitioning from a TAS to SW school. Step1 of the Administration indicating support for the transition has been completed. Step 2, which is having organizational meetings, is in progress. Step 3 is the presentation of the transition to the Council. Step 4 of the other 9 steps will be for the Staff to vote whether to move from TAS to SW.

Paul DeWeerd moved that Mansfeld Middle School transition from being a Target Assisted School to School-wide to utilize the Title I Program for all students. Vern Keim seconded the motion. **The motion was adopted unanimously.**

Agenda item(s):

1. 3/5 Math Teacher
2. Title I transition
3. Tax Credit update
4. SY12-13 Budget

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 02, 2011, at 4:00P in the Library.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:19P.

Respectfully submitted,
Carenn Olson
Recorder