Mansfeld Middle School
Site Council Minutes
November 03, 2011

Facilitator Catherine Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM in the Library.

Members Present: Kevin Brungardt (8th Grade), Catherine Davidson (Facilitator), Paul DeWeerdt (Principal), Michelle Honeyman (7th Grade), John Kellen (Parent), Kirsta Mosconi (Navigator), Carenn Olson (6th Grade), Margaret Robles (Parent), and Tom Velde (Parent).

Absent: Giovanna Contreras (Student Body President), Garry Forger (Community Representative), Vern Keim (Classified) and Vickey Smith (Parent).

Audience: Michelle Simon, Parent.

I. Call to the Audience:
Mr. John Kellen introduced Mrs. Michelle Simon, Parent and PTSO Vice-President, to council members.

II. Reports
1. Approval of the Minutes: Tom Velde motioned and Kevin Brungardt seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Kellen pointed out that the Bookman Challenge grant is actually $15,000, not $5,000 as printed in last month's minutes. Once the correction was made, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

2. Principal's Report: Parent Jenny Mullins approached the Student Council regarding the Bookman's Challenge to apply for the $15,000 grant. December 1, 2011 is the first deadline in the round of approvals. Mr. Paul DeWeerdt would to see the money go to activities for After-School Academy and math support.

Current TUSD School Council Policy states that School Councils are responsible for 301 goals at the different sites. However, at the beginning of 2011, TUSD changed the requirement for the 301 goals. Rather than a site achieve goals it will be Elements of Essential Instruction (EEI) strategies practiced in the classrooms.

Shown to the Council was information for Tax Credit monies to support Mansfeld Middle School. Principal DeWeerdt stated that stipends come from M & O budget. Tax credit monies can be used to pay for Chorus, Band, Orchestra, coaches, scorekeepers, and trips. Student Council and Yearbook cannot use tax credit funds.

Paul DeWeerdt showed a power point presentation regarding tax credit. One suggestion for using tax credit monies is to have computers available to donate online at Art Night. Programs should be funded not clubs.

Mr. DeWeerdt explained Mansfeld's School rating. Under the old system established by AZ Superintendent Tom Horne, Mansfeld had a Performing Plus rating. Under the new rating system put into place by AZ Superintendent John Huppenthal, Mansfeld shows a D. More students are passing

AIMS, and more students are showing growth by moving from one level to another in meeting the standards.

Part of the process to bring Mansfeld's rating is to provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) tutoring for free. The value of the tutoring is $1,200. Mansfeld is eligible to have 500 students. The groups are limited to 5 students per group. There are twenty-five (25) active students. Another fourteen (14) will be added to the program. There will be another opportunity to apply for SES on Art Night, Thursday, December 1, 2011. Eligibility is based upon free or reduced lunch.

The staffing of positions is moving along to accommodate the overcrowded classes. The PE position, Science, and part-time math positions have gone through the first rounds. Next week the second round will begin.

Mansfeld's 301 goals for the 2010-2011 SY were met. Monies will be paid out in December.

The Wellness Committee was awarded $4,000 from the United Dairy Council. They also received an additional $1,000 to explore an After-School Fitness Program.

Agenda item(s):
1. Landscape Update

Next Meeting: **The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 4:00 PM in the Library.**

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carenn Olson
Recorder

The December 2011 Site Council meeting was cancelled because there was no business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 4:00 PM, in the Library.