

**Willett Site Council  
December 14, 2011**

In attendance: Heidi Perry (ex-officio), Barbara Archer, Christine Firpo (presiding), Stephen Bristow, Cynthia Ching (recording), Michelle Agnew, Laura Averett, Leslie Whiteford

4:01 Christine Firpo called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment was entered.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved.

**PTA Committee Report:** Barbara Archer and Michelle Agnew

- PTA voted to unanimously endorse Measure C.
- Fundraising report: 19K left to fundraise, we should be able to get to that with the Auction.
- Auction art is in progress, business solicitations for donations are encouraged.
- Student directory is being done by 2 parents, will not be completed before winter break. PTA parents can get an advance pdf copy, but the directory will come as part of the PTA membership (no longer given out to parents automatically for free).

**GATE Advisory:** Committee representative, Elizabeth, is not here. We don't have a current report today.

**Deanne's visit (GATE) from Nov Meeting overview:** Christine Firpo

- Presentation on GATE testing and the search-and-serve process of GATE identification with the goal of representation, clarification of testing purposes. Discussion ensued about getting participation with the system we have now versus alternate views of how effective and/or appropriate our current system is. Deanne Quinn told the council at the November meeting that if they have questions, they can email or call her directly.

**Site Update:** Heidi Perry

- Outdoor Ed. We are currently \$3,263.88 short on funding for the trip. PTA usually contributes in the ballpark of this amount, but we hope to have more from parent contributions.
- The Stuff the Car event generated 142 items for needy and hospitalized children.
- Mr. Wright, a substitute paraeducator, is going to draw and create new Hootie the Owl iconography for the school.

- Heidi applied for a Safety Grant last year, which asked that cameras be installed. She is happy to announce that we will be the pilot program for these cameras. This year, she applied for a Safety Grant for backpack hooks. Hooks will be installed for third and fourth grade classes, and Mrs. Bobadilla's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom—definitely by start of school next year, hopefully earlier.
- We are looking for someone to organize and display the farm-to-school flyers with fruits & vegetables in multiple languages. Anyone with time to do this can let Heidi know. They need to be contained within the two entrances in the Multi-Purpose Room in a nice display.
- We are looking for an intramural director, as Sara Gonzales has completed her education, hopefully to be hired in January.
- Christine Firpo brought up the question of whether the parent-teacher conference for all students would be brought back in the spring this year, given that teacher furloughs are no longer occurring, or whether we would continue with the same reduced conferencing program (i.e., only for those students not making adequate progress in some area). Council members who are parent representatives weighed in and hoped that the spring conference would return for all students. Heidi said she would look into it.

**Site Plan Review:** Heidi Perry with input from Council

- SMART goals for math and language arts. Council reviewed both the grade-specific goals produced by teachers and the Single Plan for Student Achievement documents that Heidi prepared. Input was given on editing areas.
- Davis Schools Foundation gave funding, which has been used to fund support for ELL students and more reading para-educator support, so reading support is now at an equivalent level to last year, with the donation from PTA.
- We note that Kathy Gill does 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade science on her “prep day” Wednesdays in addition to 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> MTThF, so our primary students are receiving hands on, lab type instruction in addition to the classroom instruction by their teacher.

**School Climate:**

- We plan to review survey from last year at the next meeting (January) and discuss format, questions, etc for re-administration in March.

5:14 Christine Firpo adjourned the meeting.