

MINUTES FOR ROBERT E. WILLETT ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AND POSITIVE CLIMATE
COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday September 21, 2011

Public notice having been duly posted as required, the 1st meeting of the 2011-2012 school year was called to order at 4:00pm in the Staff Room of Robert E. Willett Elementary School.

Roll Call/Present: Heidi Perry, Barbara Archer, Laura Averett, Christine Firpo, Michelle Agnew, Elizabeth Ewens, Stephen Bristow, Kim Foerster, Paula Badham, Leslie Whiteford, Cynthia Carter-Ching, Marci Bernard, Julie Cuetara, Karen Hamilton, Chris Weber-Johnson, Jack Dapkewicz, Kathy Gill

1. Introductions and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by H. Perry at 4:00pm. Current council members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Staff Presentations

H. Perry explained that support staff are paid out of various sources of money. Staff had been invited to present to the council about their role at Willett. The following staff presented an overview of their position:

Julie Cuetara – Instructional Computer Specialist – (Paid out of categoricals) students support, teacher support, technology support on site, troubleshooting and purchasing of new hardware and software

Marci Bernard – Reading Specialist – (Paid out of Measure sunsetting this year; paraeducators paid out of categoricals and PTA) see handout

Jack Dapkewicz – Math Specialist – (Paid out of a grant that sunsets this year) push in to classrooms, work with teachers, interventions for 3rd – 6th grades, Tuesday tutoring, Math Nights

Kathy Gill – Science Prep Teacher – (Paid out of Measures that are sunsetting this year) – see handout

Chris Weber-Johnson – Librarian/Library Technician (Paid Librarian out of Measures sunsetting this year, and Library Technician out of the general fund) – see handout

H. Perry spoke about our new counselor, Jill McElroy (paid out of a PTA gift) – see handout

H. Perry also talked about Music and Class Size Reduction (CSR) also being paid out of the sunsetting Measures.

The council and guests were very positive about all staff and their contributions in and beyond the classrooms to our students.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Election of Officers

C. Firpo was nominated by H. Perry as Chairperson. L. Whiteford seconded. All in favor. C. Firpo accepted.

M. Agnew offered to be Vice Chairperson. B. Archer seconded. All in favor

C. Carter-Ching offered to take minutes, and E. Ewens offered to take them if she was absent. L. Averett seconded. All in favor.

Officers are as follows:

Christine Firpo – Chairperson

Michelle Agnew – Vice Chairperson

Cynthia Carter-Ching – Secretary

Elizabeth Ewens – Secretary in waiting

5. Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the June 1, 2011 minutes, C. Firpo moved to approve minutes as amended. E. Ewens seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Committee Reports

a. **SPAC** – Elizabeth Ewens offered to be our representative

b. **GATE Advisory** – Michelle Agnew offered to be our representative

c. **ELAC** – no report

d. **PTA** – B. Archer shared highlights from the 9/20 meeting:

- Unfundraiser has raised \$24,000 so far – great news!
- Auction Lite on March 17th – hors d'oeuvres and Art Auction and maybe some live auction items.
- Fun Run – October 23rd – 1PM – must register online only.
- Family Food Night – September 27th at Lampost Pizza. Over \$250 in sales? 30% of the sales goes to Willett. Huge percentage!

7. Site Plan Update

H. Perry reviewed the current categorical budget with the council and explained that all members have access to the plan on line and she will send the link and passcodes. We will be working on this at the next meeting.

H. Perry gave an update of the district wide STAR 2011 testing results and 4-year longitudinal scores. We showed great increases in areas where we put intervention. We need more support with third grade, English Learners and Low SES students. Our gap for low SES students is 40% based on proficient and advanced numbers. API drop of 3 to 931, still the highest API in the district.

8. School Climate

H. Perry explained that we would be looking at the spring results from the students survey and working on the new version for this year.

Monthly assemblies are still a work in progress. The focus is a trait a month with guest speakers possibly coming to each assembly. Assemblies are the first Thursday of each month, back to back, in the afternoon. C. Weber-Johnson purchased materials for teachers to use to expand on the traits. M. Cook, 6th grade teacher, will pilot a KIPPS program this year on character education. May look at it as an option for teachers in the future.

9. Adjournment

H. Perry moved to adjourn at 5:25pm.