

## Saratoga School Site Council

### 3-14-08 Meeting Minutes

*In attendance: Heather Metz,, Michael Oliver , Donna Kermin, Teresa Conway, Kelly Pruitt, Judy Wolthausen, Susan Jacobs, Debbie Tanguay, and Diane Smalley.*

The meeting was called to order by President Heather Metz at 3:37 on 3-14-08

Minutes were read and approved after the following changes. Corrections include changing Melanie Knight as a council member to guest presenter. Meeting adjourned and minutes of the 2-08 meeting were taken by Susan Jacobs, not to Donna Kermin.

GATE--Scott went to the GATE conference in Anaheim last month. Our district is working on this two-year plan. This first year is an investigation year with next year being an implementation year.

Traffic--Our district has hired a new crossing guard at Komina and Oak Street

ELL--Ellen Reeves is our new ELD aide. She will be working 10 hours with our ELL students. Rosetta Stone software is being purchased for all schools in our district.

Visitation Day Report by Heather Metz--68 individuals came. Positive feedback was received from our visitors and volunteers. Good information about our district's registration process. The volunteers thought the pre-training was helpful. It was still difficult to get the kids to find their groups. Next year it is suggested that the students have a station that they stay at. Credit goes to Heather Metz as she planned it out which helped the event run smoothly. Thanks goes to Lisa Green who stepped in quickly to answer parent questions.

School Climate Report by Diane Smalley--Spring can see an increased student aggression and bullying. To help students we will be:

- Providing presentations for students on playground rules and safety, sensitivity training, and how to help others
- Student Surveys

Centers Report by Judy Wolthausen--Excellent center teacher and provides opportunity for small group instruction. Edie Bowman does 3<sup>rd</sup> grade centers curriculum enhancement and Jill Zuleeg does 1<sup>st</sup> grade PE.

Parent Survey--Heather and Diane

Some parents would like questions on academics. We can use our district focus goals as our guide.

Parent Recruitment--We're looking for parents to fill the council positions. We need 4 parents for next year.

Financial Forecast--We're in better shape than revenue limit districts. No permanent employees received pink slips. Categorical funds may be effected, but we can also look at our district's surplus account. SEF fundraising is at 75% of the goal. The "Last Mile Drive" will take place next year.

Next Steps:

Next meeting--Thursday, April 3rd

April Meeting Topics

*Early Literacy Report*

Noon League—Rachel Young

Jump Rope for Heart—Jill Zuleeg

Recruitment of new members

Drafting 2008 -09 plan

GATE and ELAC

Professional Development/Spending Plan Update

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 by Heather Metz.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Smalley.*