

Minutes

Cupertino Language Immersion Program Community Organization (CLIPCO)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meyerholz Elementary School

6990 Melvin Drive San Jose, CA 95129

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm, GLC, Meyerholz

I. Preliminary

- A. Call to Order - 7:08 pm
- B. Approval of February Meeting Minutes - approved

In attendance: Jon Campbell, Rachel Turkal, Sylvia Leong, Ivy Lau, Drew Coleman, Jean Wang, Walter Perez, Mike Gebbie, Jack Zhu, Sammi Hsu, Kuimeuy Wang, Marge Sung, Helen Lin, Yin Yin Pao, Ann Ruckstuhl, Rachel Yuen, Nikki Tan, Sherman Chan, Julie Wann, Steve Burrell, Ted Fong, Kathleen Ko, Heather Simonovich

II. Officer Reports

- A. President's Report - Principals got T-shirts from direct give campaign. FUHSD Chinese offering - meeting with FUHSD admins, positive outcomes, although in early stages, laying groundwork on how to proceed. This won't happen next year, perhaps next year or in 2 years. FUHSD is selecting a group from community stakeholders to be on committee to discuss this.
- B. Treasurer's Report - New treasurer attended, Sammi (has daughter in 3rd grade). Taxes were filed for last year. Met with Binh and Sammy for knowledge transfer. A transition plan has been established to hand over computers, etc. in July.
- C. Principals' Reports

Mr. Coleman - teacher from ESL program from Anchorage, Alaska came to visit. At her school, they are considering starting a Mandarin immersion program. Half-day planning occurred to help teachers with 3rd quarter writing, including Mandarin teachers. 1st grade CLIP teacher attended NAVE conference. Meyerholz needs a PTA Treasurer for next year, if no one steps forward, PTA will need to be dissolved. Musical is underway, there will be 4 performances at end of March/beginning of April. Meyerholz submitted applications for 8 teachers to Teacher's College Summer Institute; getting into the institute is competitive b/c it is popular, so far 2 Meyerholz teachers have been accepted. Mr. Coleman anticipates that this writing workshop model will be adopted by other immersion programs; currently efforts are being made to adapt it to Spanish, not yet to Mandarin, perhaps that will change as Mandarin Immersion programs spread across the state and country.

Mr. Burrell - last week 8th grade STAMP testing, results should be available soon, so parents will know where kids are in terms of Chinese language skills. Incoming 6th grade info night last week, had a CLIP 6th grade info night before open enrollment. This week had electives night for incoming 6th and 7th graders - CLIP kids can't take another language in addition to Mandarin. Middle School model (vs. Junior High School) allows kids to explore with electives, not allowed to take another language. 8th grade Yosemite trip next week, Mr. Burrell will go as a chaperone, not as principal. Math diagnostics coming up soon, many events coming up for end of the year (8th grade graduation, awards meetings, 8th grade Great America trip, etc.).

III. Committee Reports

- A. Community Outreach Committees
- B. Cultural Enrichment Committees

IV. Old Business

- A. Instructional Materials - Update on proposed procedure

V. New Business

- A. Budget - there is currently a large amount of money carried over from one year to the next, more than what is necessary. The money is meant to be spent on kids during the year that parents paid.

0 period staffing increase - due to raise for teachers, retroactive including this year.

Instructional Aids - standards, curriculum, assessment and reporting has changed across the state, and with this there is an increased need for IAs. Teachers agree with this, especially considering the unusual schedule that CLIP has, especially in primary grades. Currently IAs work in classrooms for short periods of time, not as effective or efficient as they could be if there were more time.

Across CUSD, IAs are only funded for special education classes or other specialized programs, IAs for other classes at other schools are paid for by school PTAs or parent foundations, etc. CUSD is an ADA district, not a basic aid district.

Classified Overtime - not used this year, so not projected for next year.

CLIP Art Teacher - currently 7 teachers, this budget accounts for 6, Mr. Coleman will look into it.

Homework Club - didn't have it this year at Meyerholz, next year it will be contracted out. Money has been set aside for this.

Textbooks - MeiZhou text books, other materials for new reading program (resource books, class set of novels). Includes consumable books that need to be replaced each year.

New reading program - CLIP teachers voted to continue with grades 1-3 next year, grades 4-5 the following year. Some books have already been purchased, will continue to purchase books next year. Questions came up regarding cost of this ongoing program vs. value.

CLIP Special Programs Coordinator - does administrative duties, very useful for program

Technology - decreased significantly b/c paid for by district and school.

Plaques/certificates for graduating 5th graders and 8th graders - 8th grade plaques paid for by general fund, 5th grade certificates paid for by ticket sales.

VI. Public Address - 9:37 pm

VII. ADJOURNMENT