

Thunder Mountain Elementary
SAC Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011 * Cafeteria

In attendance: Susan Richards, Diana Nikkari, Diane Carver, Nichole Giddings, Andy Nikkari, Joee Stephan, Marilyn Schanaman, Marie Henry, Carla Cogburn, Sarah Walters, Mary Gorsuch, Katie Mathis, Andrea Pernicka, and Sue Casebolt

Andy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Previous minutes from May 10, 2011 were distributed. Speed bumps are now installed in the parking lot along parent pick up, funded by the PTA.

Andy announced that there will be a conference call on Thursday, September 15, 2011, 12-12:45p.m., regarding Walk to School Day (Oct. 5th), which promotes safer routes.

There should already be slots reserved in the crossing guard class on September 20, 2011 and Andy is going to check on it.

Andy made a request for volunteers, stating at least 3 parent volunteers would be ideal. Joee Stephan volunteered, possibly, for the vice chair position. Teacher Laura Arevian is also on the SAC board.

UIP-(Unified Improvement Plan)-was discussed. UIP review will be on November 15, 2011. The district will answer questions and others can join in also.

Diane Carver discussed the "State of the School" and the focus on reading, math and assessing, noting that "everything is for our children". Diane explained how the school uses the STARS Assessment for figuring out intervention needs per child.

PLC-(Professional Learning Community)- Assessing where kids are academically and how they are growing. Discussed using intervention hours per grade, grouping kids with others with similar skill needs and growing them, and how important it is to have parents helping at home also.

DRA- Reading assessment discussed.

CSAP- Discussion about the importance of developing test taking skills and strategies for students now and for lifelong use.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.