

Turtle Rock Elementary
School Site Council
Meeting Notes for April 26, 2011

In attendance: Karen Catabijan, Keith Corpus, Kathy Thomas, Suzy Kaczynski, Kathleen Rogers, Lisa Ganahl, Becky Crust, Kathy Meyer and Nicole Ornelas

Meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m. in the MPR.

1. Approval of 3/22/11 meeting minutes
2. Discussion of technology status & needs presented by Karen
 - a. Input sought on issues and solutions
 - i. Some computers not working – how to remedy
 - ii. Explored 6th grade school model in Fullerton
 1. Use laptop computer carts to facilitate use of computers within classroom and make part of daily routine
 - b. How to fund improvements
 - i. Title I funds?
 - ii. PTA Site Improvement and/or Principal's Discretionary funds?
 - c. Handout provided and discussed "Technology at Turtle Rock 2010-2011." Handout provides list of questions Karen asked of Huguette Schaer, our school's Media Tech, and the input thereby provided.
 - i. Lists inventory of existing computers available to students
 1. Teacher input that may need new Orchard program
 - a. New software could help make better use of computers
 2. Utility of computers contingent on software they can accommodate
 3. The four computers in 3rd grade pod not currently used, as students instead have access to upper grade computer lab. They are available for a better use.
 - ii. Reviews use of upper grade and primary computer labs
 1. Both are in use. All classes have the opportunity to use upper grade computer lab which houses best equipment.
 2. Instruction currently functions well with current upper grade lab.
 - a. Teachers report that shared use of current upper grade lab works well as long as they plan in advance and sign-up for their timeslot.
 - b. Hence, not planning to move upper grade lab to portable at this time. Issues in doing so include security, connectivity, and need for space as future classroom.
 - iii. Lists purchase possibilities/suggestions for near-term
 1. May 15th is order deadline
 - a. Same deadline to secure matching funds from District (for every 3 computers purchased, District will purchase 1)

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2. Teacher input that document cameras needed in primary lab and Portable 32; primary lab also needs mounted projector
- iv. Lists long-range purchase planning
 1. Cost listed to replace computer in Title I lab probably closer to \$1K vs. \$1.2K
 2. Teacher input that planned purchase of 10 new computers for upper grade lab, and subsequent “trickle down” of computers from this lab to the pods, is important, as some of the existing computers in the pods take too long to boot.
 - a. Input that some of pod computers, once upgraded with better memory, can then go to a few classrooms that don’t yet have one for teacher use.
 3. Purchase of 18-24 laptops for 6th grade desired to better integrate computer usage into everyday learning within classroom.
 - a. Delivered to class via cart
 - b. Removes need to reserve and travel to computer lab
 - c. Offers flexibility of lessons within classroom
3. Discussion points for next meeting
 - a. Homework rollout
 - i. Turtle Rock homework policy
 - ii. District changes in homework policy
 1. Idea that becoming more open to focus on purpose and value
 2. Desire for consistency within grade levels
4. Meeting concluded at 3:30 p.m.