J.C. Solmonese Site Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 7, 2012 Location: J.C. Solmonese School, Room 165 Time: 6:30pm

Attendees:

Staff	Parents
Riitta, Bolton, School Principal, Chairperson	Amy Darling
Kathy Almeida, Grade 2	Leeann LeClaire
Gia Sunderland, Reading Coach	Mary Murray
	Mark Powers

Meeting called to order 6:30PM

Documents Distributed by Mrs. Bolton:

- 1. Agenda
- 2. Minutes of February 8, 2012

Items Discussed

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes of February 8, 2012 approved unanimously
- 2. Enrichment Survey
 - a. Mrs. Murphy presented a sample parent survey to review
 - b. Topics were shown for format purposes only
 - c. Topics/interests will be added or deleted once parents and teachers have responded
 - d. Discussion about fees; \$30-\$40 seemed reasonable, though some activities might need supplies
 - e. Suggestion was made that a flat fee would cover supplies and also incentives if teachers need them
 - f. Times were discussed with 8:00-9:00 AM and 3:45-4:45 being most likely times
 - g. Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Murphy will work on a final draft of the survey
 - h. Target date for Parent Survey will be the Monday after April vacation (4/27)
- 3. School Improvement Plan
 - a. Another SIP will not be done until 2014
 - b. Budget process and presentation is done by Dr. Ansay

- 4. Math Club
 - a. Math fact fluency is a concern
 - b. Grade 3 teachers are still interested in a math club where students could practice facts and work towards a goal while being monitored
 - c. Second grade teachers prefer working on facts in the classroom and with FASTT Math (<u>F</u>luency and <u>A</u>utomaticity through <u>S</u>ystematic <u>T</u>eaching with <u>T</u>echnology) as opposed to a math club
 - d. Volunteers would be needed
 - e. Questions about where and how to solicit volunteers to run math club
 - f. Mrs. Bolton was asked about math MCAS scores; we made AYP
 - g. Still a concern as students move to Yelle that basic math facts are solid; math fact fluency is necessary for higher level math concepts and computations
 - h. Suggestion was made that perhaps there could be a school-wide incentive for math facts, similar to the reading incentive programs
 - i. Due to concerns from teachers about students needing math fact practice, Mrs. Bolton will consider sending a letter to parents stressing the importance of studying math facts at home

Meeting Ended 7:30pm. Next Meeting: April 4, 2012 at 6:30pm, JCS School Room 165

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Almeida, Recorder

Riitta Bolton, Chairperson