

Glendale Elementary - School Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

11/2/15

Opening

The regular meeting of the Glendale Elementary - School Advisory Committee was called to order at 4:04pm.

Make changes to 10/6/15 Walter Johnson, and patty Poysell was not present. 4th Grade Mindset was approved and funding. Minutes were motioned for approval with those changes from Walter Johnson and 2nd by Barry Barnard.

Present

Janai Cooper, Patty Poysell, Walter Johnson, Barbara Presley, Victoria Lloyd, Luz Corchado, Ogla Sanchez, Barry Barnard

Principal's Report

Discuss the next meeting date for January, remember we have traditionally passed the December meeting due to so many things going on. The second Monday in January should be the next meeting.

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Slade presented the thinking maps presentation. **SAC Proposal for Funding
for Thinking Maps**

Rationale:

We all learn in different ways. Research teaches us that the brain takes in information kinesthetically, auditorally and visually. However, much of the current research supports the belief that our ability to learn visually is greater than any of our other senses. Thinking Maps is a language of eight visual patterns each based on a fundamental cognitive process. The maps are used in all grade levels and in all content areas. As standards and expectations continue to increase in rigor, Thinking Maps provides our students with the tools they need to comprehend increasingly complex texts.

Area of Need:

Glendale Elementary is now beginning their second year of implementation of Thinking Maps and has identified several areas of need. The Thinking Maps Team would like to make the maps more visible to the parents and students as we work towards deepening the school wide implementation. In an effort to complete this task, we would like to paint the foyer with visuals. One of the visuals would include a large Tree Map. This map would display students work from K-5 and be changed bi-weekly. In addition, we would also like to add in a Bridge Map to

showcase our teachers. We want Glendale non-negotiables painted in a Multi-Flow Map and what it takes to be a Glendale gator in a Bubble Map.

By making the maps more visible we hope to reinforce their use by students and begin our process of educating parents. Our school based Thinking Maps Team will be working this year on an action plan designed to reach all stakeholders and allow our students to receive the benefits of attaching concrete images to abstract thoughts.

We are asking the School Advisory Committee to fund the first step on the action plan by allowing us to hire an artist to transform our school entrance into a tool for learning. We would like to hire Cat Faust to do the artwork as she has been working for the past two years beautifying our campus. She understands our vision for the common areas and is able to work after school hours to complete this task. Due to the significant amount of time that we are asking Cat to devote to Glendale, we feel she should be compensated for her time. To cover the artist cost as well as the materials required, we are requesting \$1,000.00.

Total Funding Requested: \$1,000.00

Walter moved to spend no more than \$1000.00 and Barry 2nd the motion. It was favored unanimously.

Agenda for Next Meeting

January Date Monday January 11, 2015 at 4pm in 514.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:00, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM by Patty Poysell.

Minutes submitted by: Adam Faust

Approved by: Patty Poysell