TORREY HILLS ELEMENTARY



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Mr. Gary Wilson, Principal Mrs. Toni Jones, Assistant Principal

School Site Council September 21, 2006

Members Present:

Tami Dowgiewicz Sheetal Gandhi Carol Newberry Sean Brandes Michelle Peacock Xinia Nilipour Gary Wilson Bill Eiffert

Members Absent:

Toni Jones Sara Keena Martha Murphy Patty Gold

Call to Order

- Gary Wilson chaired the meeting in Martha Murphy's absence.
- Gary called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

PTA Report

The Torrey Hills PTA had a very successful Hawaiian Luau on Friday, September 15. Over 600 meals were purchased. The group brainstormed ways to improve the luau for next year. Sheetal Gandhi asked that there be larger portions for the vegetarian plate. She also will call the district office to discuss vegetarian options for the new school lunch program. Membership is up this year, and the PTA plans many exciting activities for the 2006-07 school year. There are two activity chairperson positions still open. See Mary Taylor, PTA President, for

more information. Be sure to check the PTA website often for up to date information.

Principal's Report

Gary Wilson, Principal, shared the following items with the Council:

- There are 792 students enrolled in Torrey Hills as of September 21, 2006.
- Because of increased enrollment at Torrey Hills, Gary asked that parents should drop off their children by 7:45 a.m. to help with traffic control each morning. There is playground supervision available at 7:15 a.m. five days a week. It is less stressful for parents and students when kids are dropped off early in the morning.
- Gary explained the details of our new State Lunch Program which starts on Monday, October 2. Milk distribution has changed, and the price has gone from \$20.00 a year to \$90.00.
- The 2006-07 budget was discussed in detail with the Council asking clarification questions. Michelle Peacock moved to approve the 2006-07 School Improvement Program Budget (attached) and Bill Eiffert seconded the motion. The 2006-07 SIP Budget passed unanimously.

New Business

Gary Wilson explained the new State Matching Fund Program for Technology. This item was discussed and reviewed. Torrey Hills has the opportunity to participate in this program and replace the computers in our Technology Lab on a matching fund basis. The Lab needs 20 new computers to replace the existing ones that are now 5 years old. The new computers will replace these models, and the old ones will be placed in classrooms to enhance the classroom technology.

Michelle Peacock moved to approve up to \$15,000 of School Improvement Funds to match the State contribution to purchase new computers for the Technology Lab. Sheetal Gandhi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Torrey Hills' School Site Council elections will be held in October.

The new slate of members will begin their term with the October 19 meeting.

PeaceBuilders training for the staff will take place this year. This is an approved and funded program by the State and will augment our Character Counts Education Program.

The Torrey Hills Staff will also be working on Diversity Training. The Jones and Associates Company will assist with the training, paid by SIP and the PTA funding.

The DMUSD has assisted Torrey Hills with extra ESC support for this year due to our increased enrollment. We have hired a Credentialed P.E. teacher to be included in the ESC wheel. This allows Torrey Hills teachers to have common weekly planning time by grade level, and gives all students Music, Art, Technology, P.E. and Science services.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2006. The Council will hear an update on the new school lunch program and the PLC program. We will also establish the SSC calendar for the 2006-07 school year.

Gary Wilson personally thanked all of our School Site Council Members for their support services to the students, teachers, staff, and community in the last year. Carol Newberry, Tami Dowgiewicz, Sara Keena, Martha Murphy, Sean Brandes, and Xinia Nilipour have served for two years and will be replaced by newly-elected members in October.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sean Brandes, and Carol Newberry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Dowgiewicz, Secretary