

Site Leadership Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 28, 2008 4:30p.m.
Nuestro Mundo Community School Room 105

In Attendance:

Deb Gil R Casado
Erin Kernkamp
Sheryl Terry
Javier Bolivar

Bryan Grau
Peter Joyce
Ana Salcido

1-What should the Site Leadership Council (SLC) be doing? What is the mission of SLC? What is our role within Nuestro Mundo Inc. (NMI)?

- Should we spend the bulk of our time discussing the details (i.e. planning the Monthly All-School Meeting) or
- Should we be a big issue discussion group that gives and receives updates from the various work groups?

The group was in agreement that SLC should be the second type of group. SLC should spend its time coordinating other groups.

2-All School Meeting coordinator/facilitator responsibilities (Javier Bolivar)

- Introduce speakers
- Facilitate the meeting
- Coordinate the storage and use of the hand held radios.
- Schedule and pay for translation services.
- Pay for meeting childcare.
- Wrap-up the meeting/describe the next month's topic, along with date/time/location.
- Give contact name, number and e-mail address for those with questions.

3-Copying/Distributing All-School Meeting flyer reminder

SLC needs someone to copy and distribute the All-School Meeting flyer reminders to each classroom. Monica Piper has been doing this, but is no longer available for this.

Two (2) options were discussed as follows:

- Erin Kernkamp has a parent that comes to the school on a regular basis to make copies. If need be, this parent could make and distribute the flyers.
- Send the original to the MMSD copy shop for 250 copies for each meeting. Bryan Grau and Deb Gil R Casado will look at the feasibility of using the MMSD copy shop.
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4-Each work group needs to create a handout with the work group's mission, current themes/projects/agendas/sub-work group list, contact name and numbers and dates of upcoming meetings to have available for interested people..

5-Increase involvement and decrease confusion

Whether right or not, the perception from non-involved parents is one of disorganization within the different groups. People have reported confusion and discontentment over the current operating structure of NMI and the All-School Meetings. Deb and Bryan have been hearing comments and questions like:

- The All School Meeting is too long.
- Which meeting do I attend?
- How do I fit in? How can I best help NMCS and NMI?

So how do we decrease confusion and increase participation?

6-Work group reports:

- **Liderazgo (given by Ana Salcido)**

Nancy Rodriguez (current NMI board member) is now the Liderazgo work-group leader. She will set the agenda. She is not a teacher, but she is a strong leader. She is already thinking about location. She will place less emphasis on helping kids at home and more emphasis on mobilizing leaders to NMI.

Nancy is going to plan a meeting with Javier and the Spanish speaking only parents. She will contact the parents. Ana will offer help to Nancy with contacting the parents. Nancy objectives (though different than Luz's were) can probably still fit within the SIP plan.

Parents (both native English and Spanish speakers) want a Liderazgo mission statement. All parents are curious about what Liderazgo is doing and what Liderazgo will become.

Bryan Grau is looking for a list of families split between native English speakers and native Spanish speakers. Daniela Ocampo in the school office has this list and per Javier's instructions will forward the list to Bryan.

- **Teachers (given by Erin Kernkamp)**

The NMCS teachers have their staff meetings with Frank Allis teachers. Because NMCS shares the building with Frank Allis, the district believes the teachers from both schools need to meet together to "teach the teachers to get along". Javier does not necessarily understand it but has to abide by it. At these all building staff meetings, the teachers discuss mostly MMSD topics.

NMCS specific staff information is sent by e-mail to all NMCS teachers, but in person conversations rarely happen between teachers at different grade levels. E-mail only conversations can be confusing and more easily misunderstood. The NMCS teachers need more time to meet to discuss NMCS specific issues and NMI issues and more time to meet with Javier. Since school started Javier has met with the teachers as a group only once.

Questions for consideration.

- Can we negotiate to have combined Allis/NMCS staff meetings only every other month, so that the off month could be an NMCS staff meeting?
- Can we ask MMSD for extended pay/time for teachers to have a NMCS staff meeting?
- Can we apply for an Aristos grant – up to \$10,000 for original ideas for teachers? (Josh Forehand and Peter Joyce will help). Current Aristos Grant recipients can be found at http://www.mmsd.org/grants/programs/aristos_grants.htm. For grant application process go to <http://bpaweb.madison.k12.wi.us/node/182>.

Dia de los Muertos will not come off as planned because of the politics involved with sharing the building with Frank Allis. For various reasons, Javier made the decision that the celebrations would occur in the classrooms only and that a parade would not happen this year.

The teachers will be prepared to present at the January 20th All-School Meeting on the topic of parents helping their children at home.

- **Parents a Padres (given by Sheryl Terry and Peter Joyce)**
P2P will become a coordinating group. Sub-work-groups will be set up to deal with the details.

When the P2P newsletter is published, Bryan Grau will write an article to be included.

7-NMI Executive Committee wants SLC to reach all parents and get preferences on communication. Specifically, NMI wants to know:

- how often parents want communication,
- when,
- preferred method of communication,
- topics/information to be communicated.

A survey assessing these preferences could be sent via e-mail with the P2P Google Group. Any parents without e-mail, or do not respond could be contacted via snail mail with a scantron survey (including a self-addressed and self-stamped envelope).

8-The NMI Budget ends in December.

Committees are going to be asked for budgets for year 2009. SLC will need money for:

- Daycare
- Translation services
- Supplies – games/hand held radios/sports equipment (could the PTO pay for this).
- Paper (Deb's students have paid for the last two (2) years)
- Copying

The new belief within NMI is that Work groups will have to fundraise for themselves.

9-Due to the conflict between our November 18th All-School Meeting and the Allis/NMCS game night, the November 18th All-School Meeting has been moved to December 16th. Deb and Bryan are presenting on the topic of the NMCS contract renewal. We will be asking everyone to bring a Christmas sweet treat to December 16th All-School Meeting to share.

10-Next meeting November 25th 2008 4:30p.m.