

**Edison Elementary School  
Collaborative School Committee  
Room 204, Edison Elementary School  
January 13, 2010**

Call to Order: 4:40 p.m.

Members Present (in alphabetical order): Dr. Ann Christy, Principal; Robert Hudnall, Teacher; Mary Klute, Community Representative; Suzanne Leff, Chair and Parent; Tina Martinez, Parent; Marcia Mason, Paraprofessional; Larry Nelson, Assistant Principal; Carol Reed, Teacher; Joanne Stroud, Teacher and UCD Coordinator; Lesley Turner, Teacher.

Guests Present: None

After determining that a quorum was present, Chair Suzanne Leff called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the December 2010 Regular Meeting.

II. Updates

- A. Tutoring: Mr. Larry Nelson reported that a tutoring program, funded by Edison's PTA, is scheduled to begin on January 18, 2010. The Program will target 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders who scored Partially Proficient on their Spring 2009 Benchmark tests. A total of five tutors have been hired; three are teachers and two are paraprofessionals. Tutors will make use of two programs to structure the tutoring time – "CSAP Coach" and "Show What You Know" – which will incorporate newly-purchased books from the Benchmark Library Series. In six weeks, the Tutoring Program will be evaluated and decisions will be made about how to proceed from there.
- B. Enrichment Day: Enrichment Day was rescheduled from Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ann Christy reported that she has been working with Community Resources, Inc. (CRI) to arrange 20 activities and Mr. Nelson reported that he has been organizing 10-15 volunteers to supplement the CRI activities. Dr. Christy stated that she involved CRI after a light response to the request for volunteers. Ms. Tina Martinez told the Committee that she has a list of several volunteers who want to assist with Enrichment Day. Dr. Christy asked Ms. Martinez to forward the list to her and she would have pass their names on to Sue Edwards, who will incorporate them into the planned activities.
- C. Art Teacher: Dr. Christy informed the Committee that the new Art Teacher had been hired and she started teaching on January 5, 2010. Dr. Christy also

reported that Edison's PTA has established an Art Supply Account in the amount of \$2,500 to assist in paying for art supplies.

### III. School Improvement Plan

- A. Benchmark Test Scores: Dr. Christy shared Benchmark scores with the Committee, using 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade scores as examples. Dr. Christy shared the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team's concerns about the scores. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team was concerned that the Test assesses skills that will be taught later in the year, yet proficiency was expected at mid-year. In addition, they raised concerns about the validity of comparing end-of-year 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade scores (assessing 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade content mastery) with beginning-of-the-year 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade scores (assessing 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade readiness).

Mr. Hudnall shared with the Committee that teachers had received more detailed printouts covering the performance of each student that could be used to inform their instruction.

- B. Students' Bodies of Evidence: Dr. Christy shared an example of one student's Body of Evidence with the Committee; a typical Body of Evidence notebook would contain scores from Reading, Writing, and Math Assessments along with student work samples. Dr. Christy and Mr. Nelson will review these with teachers in Data Team Meetings during the week of January 25, 2010.

C. Accelerated Reader (AR)

- i. Reading Lists: Ms. Martinez reported that Sandi Pond will post the Accelerated Reader Leveled Reading Lists on the Edison website for easy access by parents and families.
- ii. Parent Training: Ms. Martinez informed the Committee that Parent Training in AR usage is scheduled for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will cover Best Practices for Independent Reading at home. Information about this Training will be disseminated on the website and sent out in Thursday Folders.
- iii. Classroom Implementation: Dr. Christy reported that the only class using AR in First and Second Grades was Ms. Benjamin's classroom. Other classrooms using AR included: Floyd Baltz (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), Amy Okimoto (4<sup>th</sup>), and Robert Hudnall and Paul Roberts (5<sup>th</sup>). David Pines (4<sup>th</sup>) has requested assistance in initiating the use of AR in his classroom. Mr. Hudnall stated that all Star Reading Assessments had been completed for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> and the remaining grades should complete this Assessment by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- D. Everyday Math Games: Mr. Nelson reported that paraprofessionals will be making 10 math games for each teacher starting January 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### IV. Enrollment Projections (2010-2011)

Dr. Christy shared with the Committee the District's enrollment projections for the 2010-2011 school year. The total projected enrollment was 519 students: 75 students in Kindergarten, 87 in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 100 in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 91 in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 89 in 4<sup>th</sup>, and 77 in 5<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Christy informed the Committee that the District directed her to reduce the total number of students in order to bring enrollment in line with building capacity. Therefore, the Kindergarten class was capped at 75 students and Dr. Christy also indicated that a reduction in the numbers of Choice Enrollment students would need to occur to fulfill the District directive. (Note: About 35% of Edison's current enrollment comes from Choice Enrollment.)

During this discussion concerning enrollment projections, Dr. Christy shared with the Committee some of the preliminary budget directives from the District. She told the Committee that the projections would result in a reduction of about 50 students from current enrollment levels and would mean a corresponding reduction in three teachers. These reductions would be applied before the 6% across-the-board budget cut mandated by the District.

Next Meeting: Dr. Christy requested that the Committee meet at the end of January 2010 to resolve Budget issues impacting the 2010-2011 school year; this meeting would be held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2010. A specific meeting date and time will be set after Dr. Christy receives more specific budgetary information from the District.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:07 p.m.