

## **Nixon Site Council Minute**

**January 5, 2009**

Review and approval of December Minutes

Review of District Survey Results: Overall the results were overwhelmingly positive. There was a high rate of response. (146 respondents) Comments were invited regarding the survey and if anything stood out to them. It was noted that 14.6% of Nixon parent respondents felt that their feedback and feelings were not welcomed at Nixon. It is possible that the recent administrative change may reduce this number. Also, the huge number of parents who are dissatisfied with the transition between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade was noted. On a positive note, the lack of stress (question 16) was very impressive, as was the almost 10 point advantage that Nixon school had in the "appreciates and understands differences" question. It was noted that teachers are unsatisfied with the amount of time provided to them to collaborate with other teachers, both at Nixon, and at other schools. The fact that a huge majority of both children and teachers are excited to come to school is a great indicator of Nixon's performance. The consensus was that between the district survey, the PTA survey and the yearly survey which goes home every year in approximately February, there is not a need for another survey.

Comprehensive School Safety Plan: Many of these are addressed at the district level, as far as protocols and procedures are concerned. Mary Pat has offered 2 Safety Plan goals. They are to improve the earthquake preparedness plan at Nixon and also to reinvigorate a character education program at Nixon. It was noted that it would be good to remind the children to go to the office if the person who is supposed to pick them up does not arrive. "Kid Power" was discussed as a good program for both parents and children. It has been a while since we had a personal safety program here at Nixon and it might be a good idea to have another assembly regarding personal safety. Perhaps the police department would be a good avenue to investigate. The plan for ensuring the safety of students with severe food allergies was also discussed.

Update on the Character Education Program: The program has been ordered and has arrived. The "Life Skills" program has been chosen. It is being implemented currently.