SAC Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2006

In attendance:

Dawn Rinken, SAC secretary
Linda Parker, C2E Assistant Principal, SAC leader (?)
Jennifer Wick, Candlewick Homes VP, SAC community business member
Paulette Gleason
Teresa Contestable
Susan Perkins, SAC chair
Julie Stordahl
Erin DiGeorge, faculty representative
Sheri Hartman
Anita Baumgartner

Meeting start -- 6 p.m.

Introductions of old and new members. Susan nominates Dawn as secretary, Sheri seconds. Dawn elected as secretary, with help as needed.

Election of chair. Chair's role is to create the agenda, using the Douglas County School District's agenda/calendar. Susan mentioned a discussion over the summer among other SAC members that the chair needs to have been on SAC for at least a year before being chair. Sheri noted that the chair needs to be a strong leader. Paulette recounted some of the national rules and regulations of SAC chair qualifications. Sheri nominates Teresa and Susan, based on Teresa's strong leadership skills and Susan's experience. Teresa is unable to accept, as this is her first year in SAC. Susan, however, is able to accept. Dawn seconds Susan's nomination, Susan accepts. Erin motions for all new members present to be accepted into SAC, Sherri seconds.

Linda presented School Improvement Plan, including 3 "smart goals" and the strategies and tactics to achieve those goals: 1) improved student CSAP scores, 2) improved teaching skills (content/methodology), 3) stakeholder activities integrated into educational program. (For complete School Improvement Plan, click here.)

Concern was discussed back and forth over the high improvement numbers, based on the large number of special-ed kids in C2E. Linda said she was confident that under the school's new principal, Leslie Talkason, that the school could meet those goals. Erin examined the percentages and agreed with Linda. Susan pointed out that the school's name is, after all, "Challenge to Excellence." After more continued discussion, Susan motioned to approve entire School Improvement Plan. Motion passed unanimously. SAC will be responsible for monitoring the improvement plan periodically.

Maps Testing. A point Linda noted about the Improvement Plan was the implementation of Maps testing. Maps will replace the Terra Nova tests and testing will now be able to be streamlined during classroom "downtime" so as not to interrupt entire weeks of learning. Testing will begin mid-October and go through Christmas.

Jennifer Wick was voted on as the community SAC member. Jennifer is the VP of Candlewick Homes.

Future meetings will be on the 1st Tuesday of the month, including next month. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 3rd, 6 p.m.

7:11 p.m. Motion to adjorn. Motion passed.