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### **Mountview School Improvement Council (SIMCO) Minutes April 12, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 5:30.

Present: C. Erik Githmark, Wayne Switzer, Mary Jude Pigsley, Terrie LaMarche, Jeanette Dill, Caroline Hagenbuch, Liza Anderson, Christopher Whamond, Merle Olson, and Peggy Carlson.

Minutes from March 15, 2011 meeting were accepted.

Meeting began with a review of the updated **2011 School Survey Update** for Mountview. Erik Githmark reported on the survey results. The response rate was high (36%) and there was a general upward trend in all areas in comparison to last year's survey. The raw numbers for each survey question as well as the parent comments were handed out to each member for review. Time was allotted for council members to read through the results and comments. Also, 2010 results were handed out so a comparison could be made. Mary Jude-Pigsley mentioned that amount of 'Don't Know' answers that were given and how it seemed high in certain areas. A discussion ensued regarding the possibilities for why a question would be answered this way and if more communication on certain topics needs to be made.

Next there was a discussion about the changes to the **2011 Student Survey** from last year's survey. Mr. Githmark made changes recommended from the last meeting including additions to the questions on bullying and homework. He suggested the focus of the 5/10/11 meeting be finalizing the survey after he gets teacher input at the next faculty meeting.

The **2011-2012 School Improvement Plan** was discussed next. Mr. Githmark handed out a draft copy of next year's improvement plan. There were six main goals to focus on for next year.

\* Provide an environment where students are safe, supported, empowered, and held accountable, and where respect for self and others is highly valued.

- \* Strengthen partnerships among staff, students, parents and community members that support teaching and learning.
- \* Ensure that instructional practices recognize and accommodate a range of abilities and learning styles in an effort to promote excellence and assist students in reaching their potential.
- \* Develop programs that ensure there is consistency in instruction and continuity of curriculum in what we teach.
- \* Enhance the district's capacity to identify and respond to students at risk.
- \* Promote/provide programs and practices that enhance the social/emotional wellbeing of all students.

Discussion centered on how to identify 'high achieving' students.

The next topic of discussion was **eInstruction Classroom Response Systems and LimeLight Software interface**. The program has been piloted here at Mountview for the district. The goal is for every math and science teacher to have classroom response systems in their classrooms next year. The LimeLight software that goes along with these systems can gather data to be directly imported into Powerschool. Mr. Githmark also spoke about the Literacy Initiative and the collaboration between Lab Classroom Teachers here at Mountview with the consultants from Tufts University. The lab teachers will provide opportunities for the other staff members at Mountview to observe their classrooms as they will serve as demonstration settings.

Mr. Githmark gave an update on the **Mountview Building Committee**. For the moment, the project is temporarily 'on-hold' as state approval of a project site manager is sought.

Mr. Githmark also asked members for names of individuals who may be interested in serving on SIMCO for the 2011-2012 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 in the school library.