

**Marcy Elementary School
Site-Based Minutes
August 31, 2006**

Members Present: Mary Eckert, Melissa Garcia, Karan Cornett, Mary Lou Yanez, Rebecca Carrillo, Debbie Sanders, Wayne Frost, Mike Couch, Natalie Permenter, Jennifer Darrow, Deborah Ortiz, Carie Dunnam

New members were welcomed by Mrs. Dunnam. Jennifer Darrow, representing parents, and Wayne Frost, representing the community, have both joined our committee for this school year. The 2005-2006 campus improvement plan along with a copy of the site-based decision-making roles and responsibilities was given to each team member. Mrs. Dunnam stated that our agenda for this meeting was focused primarily on reviewing the revised math TEKS for third and fourth grades so that a survey regarding what should be tested in future TAKS tests could be completed by September 30th. Each member of the committee was given a copy of the 3rd and 4th grade math TEKS. Melissa Garcia went over the third grade teachers concerns and suggestions for the completion of the survey. One concern mentioned was that math manipulatives were to be used and students were to be taught how to use them to help problem solve, but were not allowed to use them on the TAKS test. Another area of concern was 3.17 regarding forming generalizations. Third grade teachers as well as parents and community members felt that this was inappropriate to test at third grade because it was not developmentally appropriate.

Miss Eckert then discussed fourth grade concerns regarding the math TEKS revisions and what should be tested on the Fourth Grade Math TAKS tests in the future. Fourth grade teachers had the same concerns as third regarding manipulatives not being allowed on the test day and also shared concerns about justifying and making generalizations being developmentally inappropriate for this grade level as a tested objective/skill. Miss Eckert along with the rest of the committed also thought that graph paper should not be distributed or used as part of the 4th Grade Math TAKS test. Mrs. Dunnam said that she would take this information and complete the online survey by the end of next week. She thanked the committed for their input.

Parents and community members then discussed their dissatisfaction with the TAKS test in general. They conveyed their frustration that teachers and students were too stressed and that too much was being expected.

Mrs. Dunnam shared with the committee the good news about the additional parking spaces and the update on electrical wiring that the BS School Board approved for our campus. She did note that these updates could not be completed until next summer. She also bragged on our campus achieving the "Recognized" rating on our TAKS scores last year. The committee was informed that to maintain

a “Recognized” rating next year that Marcy students would have to score a 75% in all subgroups next year. This past year it was 70%, so the targets are increasing.

Mrs. Dunnam asked everyone to study last year’s plan and narrative and be ready to focus on the plan update at our Sept. 21st meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45.