Landmark Community Council/Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2013

Present: Scott Carson, Ted Davies, Patti Garrison, Susy Devenish, Robin Escotto, Janet Kelley (Ben Gasser excused), Linda Mortensen

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2013, Dragon’s Lair, 7-8pm

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Each member was introduced and told a little about themselves. We have four that are new this year. We welcome them to the Committee and are grateful for their willingness to participate. The ruling is that we need one more parent than there is school staff. We have met that ruling.

II. SCHOOL TOUR

The Committee was taken on a tour of the school, both inside and back to the Greenhouse area. This helped everyone get a better feel for the school they are representing.

III. SET CALENDAR FOR MEETINGS

There was discussion about when to hold our regular meetings. It was decided that we would meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00p-8:00p. Therefore our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:00pm.

IV. REVIEW SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

One of the major functions of the SCC is to work with the School Improvement Goals (SIP). Areas covered are: 1) Literature & Math scores; 2) Overall assessment program; 3) Addressing test-taking skills; 4) Improving the collaborative process, and 5) Integrating Five Vital Behaviors fully throughout all school programs.

There was discussion concerning the grade report Landmark received from the government. This report was not a good indicator of our (alternative) high school success. Our situation is far different from that of a regular high school. For one thing, we receive those students that have already struggled at the regular high schools. Alternative schools should be graded from a different perspective that takes into account improvement in attendance and credit earned.
V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Funds from the Trustlands Committee have been used to pay for Math and Literature aides at Landmark. This has proven to be a very good use of that money.

B. The A/B Schedule seems to be working out well this year. One of the great perks of this schedule is that it affords students 2.5 credits instead of 1.75 credits per term.

C. *There will be an important training for those new to the Committee held on Thursday, October 24th, at 3:30pm in the Board Room at the District Office.*

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.