

***Desert Cove Elementary School
School Council Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2009
2:45 p.m. Desert Cove Computer Lab***

Members:

Joan Seriale, parent; Tom Ellinghausen, principal; Kathy Gavelda, certified teacher; Patty Morgan, certified teacher; Verna Sherling, classified administrative assistant; Vicky Reddick, parent

Meeting Minutes:

- Council members received and reviewed minutes from the May 18, 2009, meeting.*
- The principal presented a keynote presentation on School Council Decision Making.*
- The principal will give updates on school staffing/issues related to the budget:*
 - The compacting of grade four into two sections based on new class size limits*
 - The loss of two primary grade aides, our STS and media specialist positions*
 - Our efforts to save energy and reduce costs for paper/supplies*
- Members also discussed the upcoming district override election and proper protocols for sharing factual information regarding the election issue, while following legal guidelines as school representatives vs. parents/private citizens.*
- Our next discussion centered on Curriculum/Open House Night (8-18-09). It was agreed that the decision to combine the two events into one evening was confusing and a bit disorganized. School Council came up with the following recommendations for next year that will be presented to the staff and parents to improve this event:*
 - Clubs and Organization tables set up in the main building entryway near the office*
 - Parents only in classrooms for the presentations from teachers*
 - Organized activities for the children in the library (quiet reading, computers), the multi-purpose room (movie, board games at tables), and the playground (supervised play)*
 - Each of these activity areas for students would have adult supervision, with a sign-in and sign-out protocol.*
 - These ideas will be shared with PTO and school staff for further input and consensus*
- The next school council meeting will be held on Monday, September 21st @ 2:45 p.m. in the library. Our main agenda topic will be assessing and funding our tax credit clubs.*

