Marshall Community Council

October 4, 2007

The MCC had a very successful first meeting, Thursday, October 4th. With twelve parents present, we had great discussions about several topics. Highlights included talk about fundraisers, newsletters, and how to get parents better connected to their school.

Fundraisers: John reviewed some of the expenses that the MCC typically has during the year. We brainstormed ideas for the MCC to raise money. Melissa will research the receipt program through Safeway which would provide income with a minimal amount of work. We talked about large fundraisers such as auctions, calendars, cook books as well as others but no decisions were made.

Newsletters: Ron and Paige volunteered to help establish a Marshall newsletter. A newsletter that parents can access on line is desirable. Hard copies would also be available. They are working with John and the MMS staff to make this happen. (Ron met with John Friday morning and has gotten a good start!) Decisions about the web page and parent communication flowed cleanly from this discussion.

Parent Connection: It was expressed that some parents don’t feel particularly welcomed at Marshall. This fact became a clear goal for the MCC. What needs to happen in order to make the school a center for families where parents are better connected became a focus. Parents want to help and are a great resource. They are a resource of which Marshall is not taking full advantage.

Two decisions were clearly made at the meeting. The first decision is that we would not spread this group too thin by forming an active MCC and a Site Council. We will publish an agenda before each meeting. Depending on the purpose, this will allow parents to choose whether or not to attend depending on their interests. The second decision was that meetings would be held the 2nd Thursday of every month. Thursday, November 8th will be the next meeting. It will start at 6:30 pm in the library.

Please spread the word about our group and meeting times. Interested parents who are not on John’s email list should email him and asked to be added to the group.