

## **Committee Reports for Building Council (February meeting canceled, snow day)**

### **Math Committee Report**

Members of the Math Committee met Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the current progress being made toward our building goal. On numerous occasions during this meeting our discussion underscored the attention each grade level gave to this goal during our January 24<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day. As we reviewed the many things that took place we thought it would be advantageous for all Pashley staff know the united approach that continues to be taken toward this goal. Once again, this effort mirrors the united and professional approach that is such a part of the culture here at Pashley.

**Grade 1 and Skills:** A portion of the afternoon was spent compiling ideas and resources to foster the learning of addition and subtraction facts along with other grade level math skills. The compiling of games and resources to be used for math centers was identified. The first grade teachers are currently putting together a touch math kit to serve as a resource for the grade level.

**Grade 2:** The second grade team assessed the book, Math to Learn, a mathematics handbook to be used as a resource to support math instruction. The second grade teachers are currently in negotiations to purchase a class set to be shared by that grade level.

**Staff Development Committee** No report (meeting March 1, 2007)

### **2007-2008 District Budget Report:**

- Original request budget with flat aid would require 12.92% tax increase
- Tax implication is 8.48% with governor's proposal for aid
- Currently \$268,000 in alternate proposals (1% additional tax) – approximate 9.48% tax increase required to support the request and all the additions if they were to be approved
- Approximately \$1 million would have to be cut in a contingent budget
- Budget Forum on February 15/March 15 key communication vehicle to Board of Ed concerning support for tax level

**Health & Personal Development** continues to work on the 4th & 5th grade puberty curriculum. The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 27th after break. A quick survey was handed out to staff at the February faculty meeting on the use and favorite items in the Healthy Heart Cart. Thanks to everyone who handed it back in a timely manner!! :)

) The Healthy Heart Cart has been a great way to get exercise and healthy

choices into the classrooms. Teachers look forward to using it more after the state tests and when nicer weather comes.

### **Language Arts Committee**

The LA committee looked at the results of the 3rd grade ELA test. There were many positive comments about the Pashley student written responses. Their responses were well organized, began with a restatement of the question, and included complete sentences. This may have been a result of our writing posters used throughout the building, along with excellent instruction from all the grades involved.

Several writing opportunities are available for all grade levels, including poetry and essay contests. Those chosen as exemplary are published in an anthology and come with other rewards. Further information is posted in the staff room.

The LA committee is presently working on 1st grade District assessments. Some new assessments are being reviewed and revisions are being made to the end-of-year assessment.

**Science Committee** did not meet in February due to the weather and school closing.

**Social Studies Committee:** No report

**Special Education Committee:** No report