Model Laboratory School Council Meeting
April 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Mr. Dantic. Members present were Mark Cornette, Scott Johnson, Teresa Viohl, Bridgette Meyers, Mandy Kipp, Karen Losson, Susan Newman and Charles Elliott.
Approve April Agenda- The group accepted the agenda.

Review March Minutes- There was no corrections to the minutes.

Personnel- HS Senior English- Mrs. Ruppel has been awarded Fulbright scholarship and will be taking a one year leave of absence next school year. We will need a person to fill her duties for one year.

Elementary 5th Grade- We are in need of a 5th grade teacher for next school year. There is $40,000 allotted for this position.

Mrs. Snyder's position has been posted and we are looking to fill her position.

MS/HS Physical Education- We interviewed 5 candidates for this position. Vanessa Howard has been selected and approved to fill this position and we are waiting on the paperwork to be completed to have her on staff.

School Safety- MRSA- A letter about MRSA was sent home Wednesday to parents. Tuesday afternoon it was brought to Mr. Dantic's attention that there was a middle school student who was infected with MRSA. Mr. Dantic sent the letter home to the grade level that had the most contact with the student first before sending it to all the grades. This led the media to getting involved and more parent concern. This is why the second letter was sent to the entire school. Mr. Dantic compared this case to head lice and how common MRSA is becoming in schools. Parents do not have to report MRSA to the school as long as they keep open wounds covered and dry. Mrs. Losson suggested that the letter be mailed home instead of trusting that the students would give the letter to their parents. Mr. Cornette commended Mr. Dantic for his communication with the parents addressing MRSA.
The council will be informed if there is a safety issue within the school.

4/7 HS incident- Three high school students approached Mr. Cornette on Tuesday about a student threat. Mr. Cornette started the protocol process and a threat assessment took place to ensure the safety of the student.

Proposal of Policy- Bullying/Hazing Bill, the state will be informed if there is any bullying in the school. If anyone in the school is informed about bullying, they contact the Principal and he has 48 hours to investigate if the bullying act is deemed a felony. The KRS Statute is requiring a specific protocol or policy on bullying. As a council we need to look at the information and see if there is anything we need to add to the policy. We need to follow the law and report any incidents.

Communication

- Mr. Cornette is thinking about creating a "Model Today" a lot like EKU Today (through e-mail). We hope to be able to send this to parents and staff each morning. This will reduce the instructional time that is wasted each day through

morning and afternoon announcements. Anyone can submit a request for an announcement. It also updates the webpage daily. Mr. Yoder and Mr. Hoover are helping with this task.

- Infinite Campus will be tested on Model parents in Madison County to see if the parents can get online and view grades.

CATS

High School testing begins 4/27
Elementary & Middle School testing begins 5/6

Mr. Dantic gave the council a interim period under senate bill 1 report about what will be tested in the future but not when it will be tested.

MPO Report

MPO report to SBDM Council's April 9, 2009 meeting
Submitted by Charles Elliott, MPO rep to SBDM

Model's MPO last met on March 16, 2009.

Criteria have been established for awarding the "Susan Brubaker Spirit Award". The first award (plaque and $100) will be given to a Model senior at this year's awards day program. The money donated for the award will be placed as a line item in the MPO budget. It was agreed that MPO will continue to support the award after the donated funds are depleted.

As a result of the "Box Tops" campaign, Model earned $991.00.

Tentative dates (August 25-Sept. 18) were established for next year's Innisbrook Fundraiser Event.

A funding request from Mrs. Meyers for the purchase of new music stands for the band room was approved.

Plans were made for the Teacher Appreciation luncheon scheduled for April 27.

Information concerning nominees for the 2009-2010 SBDM Council was mailed out April 7. The SBDM Council election will be held on April 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.