

School Site Council Agenda
January 21, 2009
3:20pm, Room 312

Present: Eric Marcos, Valetta Mendoza, Sarah Blitz, Paula Goldman, Cristina Villalobos, Stefanie Suffolk, Sean Allstot, Rose Supangan, Suzanne Webb, Winnie Wechsler, Gerry Haker, Lynn Leavitt, Isabel Martinez, Susan Giesberg, Miguel Marco

- I. Welcome & approval of minutes from last meeting (2 minutes)
 - a. Went around the room and introduced ourselves. Sign in was sent around the room with emails to be verified.
 - b. Winnie shared changes in last month's minutes - Paula moved to approve minutes from last meeting, Sean seconded.

- II. Electing SSC Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary) (5 min)
 - a. We need to hold official elections for the three positions. Chair convenes meetings and arranging agendas, vice-chair will assist the chair and do anything else as needed. Secretary will be taking minutes or delegate it to another member.
 - b. Sean is still the OTK (Official Time Keeper.)
 - c. Paula nominated Winnie to be chair but suggested two co-chairs instead of a chair and vice-chair. Suzanne will follow up with Roe Johnston to see if he will be on SSC or if we need to hold an election to replace him. Winnie nominated Sarah Blitz to be co-chair. Winnie nominated Suzanne and Stef Suffolk offered to be co-secretary.
 - d. Winnie will be chair, Sarah Blitz will be co-chair, Suzanne and Stef Suffolk = co-secretaries, and Sean Allstot = Official Time Keeper.**

- III. Review of Draft 2009 SPSA and Discussion of Budget (80min) - Lincoln Faculty & Administration & Maureen Bradford, SMMUSD
 - a. Maureen Bradford - state may provide more flexibility to districts as to how categorical funds are used. Next year we may have to re-think how we allocate funds after we know more.
 - b. Gerry mentioned that at her school the pupil retention block grant may be reduced this year. Maureen mentioned that at the middle school level this money is put into counselors.
 - c. MAUREEN SHARED WHAT ACTUAL ROLE OF SITE COUNCIL
 - i. Co-develop and monitor the implementation of the SPSA. SSC in the district have gone astray in the last few years. For example, having SSC choose paint colors for school.
 - ii. How we will use categorical funds to support the SPSA. Equity Funds are also added, which are not categorical but local funds.
 - iii. Our By-Laws helps set the precedent of how we run our meetings...we can adjust these as needed.
 - iv. Stef = so we are not a policy making body? Because in the past SSC has been used to make homework policy,

guided study policy, etc. M: no, mostly about SPSA. Unless there is a goal in the SPSA includes HW clubs, how guided studies are monitored. But it is not to decide, for example, whether or not there will be HW on the weekends. That needs to be more of a school/parent/district collaborative decision.

- v. Paula said that this should be a place for suggestions not policy making. Winnie mentioned that parents have experiences at other schools where these types of decisions are made and may believe that this is how things are done at Lincoln. Last year's principal brought GS to the SSC to get feedback and SSC could not make such a decision.
- vi. Paula asked about the timeline and calendar. Maureen told us that because of the budgetary cycle of CA, we are supposed to finalize our budget by January 31st. We recommend that you bring a new SSC in January (not in September or October) so that it frees you up to really work on the plan right away in the fall at the first SSC meeting.
- vii. Sarah mentioned the Humanities goal for writing is confusing because since we are now in the middle of the year how do we implement for second semester and get it all done by June? Maureen - multiple measures like student writing in class, progress reports, etc.
- viii. Winnie - we are stuck with the school year for elections because we lose parents at the beginning of the school year and need to replace them right then. This is something to think about for next year...
- d. Suzanne shared SPSA and we talked about adding more expenditures: Check Out Lab upgrades, extra classroom computers for student use, internet protocol training for students, supplies/copies, replacement bulbs, more discretionary conference funds, and more document projectors.
 - i. Suzanne will email the updated version
 - ii. Sean moved to approve the plan, Gerry seconded it.

III. School Environment (15 minutes)

IV. Other business (10 minutes)

- a. ELAC update - ELAC Valentine Pot Luck on February 12th in staff cafeteria! Please come!
- b. ASB update
- c. Update on BB and planned capital improvements - presentation next meeting by Suzanne or Parsons.
- d. Principal's update - Suzanne will send out copy of revised guided study policy.