

April 29, 2009

Minutes

Attending : Nancy Wang, Tom Belin, Sarah Blitz, Fariba Eskandani, Gerry Haker, Paula Goldman, Roe Johnston, Eric Marcos, Christina Villalobos, Rose Supangan-Moe, Lynn Leavitt, Suzanne Webb, Sean Allstott, Winnie Wechsler, Stefanie Suffolk, Carl Hobkirk

1. Minutes from last meeting were approved
2. ELAC : Christina reported about meeting that took place at McKinley. Parents have been using e-mail and feel more in the communication loop. They asked questions, and it was a good meeting. Also, next meeting she plans to have better snacks. The meeting will be at SMC, with guest speaker to speak about college.
3. AVID : 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade AVID classes will be beginning next year. Kids in the current class (7<sup>th</sup> graders) will have to re-apply for next year. The tutors are coming, class is going well. Training in summer for teachers will happen.

Special Agenda Item:

Tom : Site License for showing movie. Movie Night is a quick, easy fund raiser, but we need license to be legal.

We have agreed : it's a worthwhile thing to pursue. Lynn mentioned that district is working on getting a district license.

4. PTSA: (Lynn's report)

\*Very important. May 19<sup>th</sup> election.

"California State PTA favors 'yes' on 1A, 1B, 1C, 1E; favors 'no' on 1D; and takes no position on 1F" (Lynn being expert in walking the fine line of providing relevant information without directly recommending how people should vote).

\*Pattie Fitzgerald will be next year's PTSA president

\*Committees : are there holes that need to be filled???

\*May 14<sup>th</sup> : Meeting : Teenage Brain Development

\*June 3<sup>rd</sup> ride bike to school or work day (5<sup>th</sup> grade parents come at about 8:45 AM)

\*June 2<sup>nd</sup> is Math Night – looking to expand to other departments, grade levels (also 5<sup>th</sup> graders come that day)

Summer Adventure Handouts, Parent Arts Survey Handouts

5. Principal's Update

a. Congrats : California Distinguished School Award

b. SPSA

i. Budget has been closed down now.(as of April 24<sup>th</sup>) For all items that had already been allocated (subs etc...) and equipment already ordered, no problem. But access to discretionary fund more complex, and things like the California Distinguished School Award hoo-ha will cost money. Many funds were “swept” during Spring Break

ii. Making progress on goals, we are on target with spending the money as well. (subs, conferences, Learning Walk, transition 5->6, technology, Spirit Series)

iii. Updates:  
Suzanne attended transition meeting at SAMOHI for Special Ed. Parent meeting this morning.

Babies : Katie Jaroch had hers, Gretchen Gies is now on leave, Sara Utzinger in a few months.

State Testing begins tomorrow (4/30)

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE Promotion.( three Ceremonies this year) . Dance, Beach Day etc...

Early Dismissals → May 15<sup>th</sup> is Faculty Follies, May 21<sup>st</sup> is Open House

iv. School Funding (no plus ones or AM's probably, but keeping Nurse, unsure about class size increases)

6. Parent Survey : to meet SPSA goals

Tom suggested questions from Add Health Parent survey (results on paper represent 11-18 year olds were surveyed, not Lincoln results) and some of his own language

Discussion about what “safe” means, why would be doing this, what’s the purpose, how will we manage it, is it a good launching point, etc...parents will appreciate being asked, rewording the “feels close to people” broken into peers, adults, different picture all three grade levels.

Plans include developing follow-up questions to understand better the rationale for any unfavorable assessments and an additional round of review at the next SSC meeting, with the aim of launching the survey in early June.

5pm – Eric brought up concern over the survey question regarding students completing homework. Is the student getting help? What are the after school activities?

Gerry mentioned adding a line where participants can add comments.

Tom mentioned a follow up question – if yes, then \_\_\_\_\_.

Come up with suggested follow up questions?

Survey to be finalized by next meeting May 27<sup>th</sup>.

7. Carl – EETT grant due May 27<sup>th</sup> – if we choose to participate it will be Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Franklin. About \$130,000 over two years – tech upgrades, support and training. Proposal will be written with the district. Lincoln will participate! Another way that tech will be funded. The theme is still being flushed out. This will be funded through stimulus money. Money should come in this summer. Most of the focus, Carl believes, should go to tech support and professional development. Winnie is happy to read or review. 😊

8. May 7<sup>th</sup> is next tech meeting at The Parlor.