

Lincoln Middle School  
School Site Council  
May 27, 2009

In Attendance: Suzanne, Sean Allstot, Lynn Leavitt, Nancy W., Fariba, Geri H., Rose M., Cristina V., Paula G., Eric M., Tom B., Winnie W., Carol Golden, Carl Hobkirk, Roe Johnston, Maureen Bradford, Namdiai Rudra-Ganguly

1. 3:20pm = Approval of minutes from 4.29.09 meeting
  - Suzanne brought an incorrect copy of last month's minutes. ☹ Tom's suggestions were added
  - Sean motioned to approve minutes, Tom seconded the motion.
2. Update reports from
  - 3:25pm = AVID – Rose
    - Lots happening! Recruitment is taking place as we speak. Teachers have recommended 6th and 7th graders for next year's program. Students have "observed" the AVID class. Applications are due this Friday and interviews will be next week.
    - This year's class – field trip last week with Peer Mediation to the Museum of Tolerance. A part of AVID is to join organizations and take on a leadership role. There was a section of the museum dedicated to bullying which was very relevant to the 7th grade students.
    - Jamba Juice fundraiser – next Friday's dance will be a fundraiser for AVID including JJ sales.
    - 17 students in the class, 16 have reapplied. This year we had 20 students apply and 17 were accepted.
    - Criteria include: Test scores, GPA, student motivation...it is a simulation of college interview process. There are 10 items on the rubric and points are assigned.
  - 3:30pm = ELAC - Cristina
    - Last month, ELAC met at SMC. There was a good turn out. There was a tour of SMC, with a presentation from Pico Partnership. Parents felt that it was a valuable experience understanding the college system works.
    - Parents are asking more about Pinnacle.
    - President and vice-president are excited about being involved. Isabel (president) provided beautiful flower arrangements for the CJSF ceremony last week.
  - 3:40pm = PTSA – Lynn Leavitt
    - Carol Golden – executive VP of PTSA and next year will be Treasurer. Carol has been responsible for the amazing guest speakers...such as Richard Cohen, Pattie Fitzgerald, etc.
    - There will be someone coming in next year doing health for parent ed. She is a specialist in gerontology (new parent coming in.)
    - There will be an ELAC representative (thanks to Cristina!) on PTSA next year. ☺
    - Fundraising letter went home – we've received several envelopes already! We are down 30%...can pay bills this year but will need to tighten our belts for next year. We will try to fund what we have in the past but will have to see where the district's budget goes.
    - Pattie Fitzgerald will be next year's president.
    - Maureen added that class size has been on the table – Lincoln has been asked to staff at 32 to 1 as a class size average.

- Walk/ride to work day – June 10th. The city has designated the first week of June, we will observe June 10th. Carl has worked with ASB, AVID and parents to get this underway.
  - Geri asked about AM classes – Suzanne doesn't yet know. We have to find out what the student requests for electives are before we can try to lobby for AM classes.
  - SI funds for next year will be down 20%, it would be a goal for Direct Investment to raise the difference! Yay! Goal! Go Team!
  - Math night next Tues! Same day as 5th grade visit and day before new parent tour. There will be snacks!
  - Book fair was a big success!
  - September 9th = first day of school, 9/10 = first PTSA meeting, 9/11 = back to school picnic
  - January is the suggested date for elections for SSC but we can do it in the fall. This way that exiting 8th grade parents can have appointed parents attend until the election in January. Suggestion to send it out on the Lincoln List. We will talk about this next time.
3. 4:00pm = Update on SPSA achievement of goals – Suzanne
- All PD has taken place and money spent
  - Data from district writing assessment. Goal-10% of students' scores will improve at least one level from last year's test. ☺ ☺ 6th grade had a 23% increase, 7th grade had 32% increase, 8th grade was 16% increase (applause...)
  - Accomplished these scores through writing nights, parent involvement, 7th grade intervention...
  - Quantify Math and Reading nights with parent sign in sheets (passports)
  - Sally Chou discussed additional cuts that will be made in the district. 20% cuts meaning that LMS will receive \$57 per student based on October 2008 CBEDS.
  - Dr. Chou also stated that Prop BB money will be used to upgrade all secondary math and science classrooms to the new tech standards. This should begin this summer or early fall.
4. 4:15pm = Principal's update – Suzanne with special guests - Dr. Sally Chou & Maureen Bradford
- We are no longer a California Distinguished School – we have not received special notification from the state and they don't plan to give any. We have self monitored and have decided to withdraw ourselves.
  - Out of 29 criteria – we met AYP in 27 areas. The two areas that we did not meet were in Math and ELA for students with disabilities.
  - Do we want to email the news to community? Lincoln List should be enough.
5. 4:45pm = Community Survey – Tom Belin
- New cover page
  - Categorize the survey based on different subjects (safety, community...)
  - Survey en espanol.
  - Suzanne to send via email lists created by district.

Eric motioned to adjourn. Roe seconds the motion