

Minutes
SSCS School Council Meeting

Tuesday
6:00 PM
11/12/2013

Webex Teleconference and SSCS Admin Office
2452 El Centro Blvd.
East Nicolaus, CA. 95659

1 CALL TO ORDER The meeting was officially called to order at 6:02 PM

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME/ROLL CALL Corporate Officers present: Eric Schoffstall, Executive Director: Compliance, District Relations and School Services, Cynthia Rachel, Corporate Secretary, Tracy Edwards, SSCS Lead Advisor, Fina Hustrulid, Assessment Department, Nichole Sawatzky, SSCS Liaison, Brenda Christensen, School Council Secretary. Thirteen members were present: Janine Campos, Donald Choquette, Gabriel Garcia, Kristy Hollingshead, Jennifer Hunziker, Heather Jones, Jean Ping, Lacie Robertson, Rebecca Rodriguez, Joel Sounders, Mara Weston, Rich Mize, and Doria Wallentine.

4 HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public may be heard on any item. A person addressing the Council will be limited to 3 minutes, unless the Site Administrator grants a longer period of time. Comments by members of the public on an item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Council.

No one addressed the council.

5 REPORTS

A. Teacher Services: Tracy Edwards Tracy reported the following 3 areas that teachers are currently focusing on: Synergize trainings, the second of 2 All ES meetings, and monthly advisor ES work days. She then gave the following enrollment numbers: Currently we have 2113 active students, and 29 prospective students. We are not hiring any new teachers as enrollment has stabilized. We do have a new hiring ES process. Advisor Michelle Johnson will have a second time position as the facilitator in the hiring process. She will review the data and interview teachers ahead of time in the areas of need, plot prospective students on a map, and then conduct live video interviews. Our goal is to have this process take place twice a year in an effort to place students during the summer before school starts and in the spring for the new school year.

B. Curriculum: Shelly Ross Cyndi Rachel read the following report from the Curriculum Department: One of the big things that the curriculum department is working is Common Core training. Each month, ESs have a new Common Core state standard training module and video that they watch. The following month, the parents have access to those modules. Cyndi went over the previously released modules. She then went over the new system for managing all the online licenses like Rosetta Stone, APEX, etc. ESs have been working on learning how to use that system and how to get everything ordered with that new system. Any questions regarding orders for any of these online licenses can be directed to your ES. The school is providing CAHSEE Boot camp again which is a preparation for the California High School Exit Exam which tests reading, language arts, and math. Information on CAHSEE Boot camp is available on the parent listserve. Lastly, if you are interested in learning more about an online curriculum, talk to your ES about getting in touch with Shelley Ross set up an online training.

C. Guidance: Teri Alves Cyndi explained that the role of our Guidance Department is to support our 9-12 grade students with everything pertaining to high school, work permits, and college prep. There were APEX trainings for the South Sutter ESs which allowed us to use APEXs unlimited course price break. They successfully added a-g approved courses. We currently have over 65 a-g courses that we are offering. Check with your ES regarding any a-g questions. Also check with your ES if you have any students that are interested in concurrent enrollment. More options for a-g science labs have opened up. The guidance counselors participated in a CSU conference, the A Plus Plus charter school conference, and the California Department of Ed Common Core training. South Sutter became a member of the National Honor Society this year.

D. Assessment: Fina Hustrulid announced that we just completed our second year of California English Language Development (CELD) testing. Nancy Thomas did a great job coordinating all the sites and ensuring that all of our students had

been tested. Gov. Brown signed assembly bill 484 on October 2, 2013. What that means for our school is STAR testing has been cancelled in order for us to take that time and better prepare for the new state adopted test called California Measurement of Academic Performance and Progress otherwise known as CalMAP. There will be field testing in the spring of 2014 in order for the state to test the test. They need to make sure that everything is working properly before the following year where all schools will be participating for ELA and math tests. CDE has notified us that each school will take part in this endeavor and we will expect everyone to participate so that we are fully prepared and successful. That includes our own school and students. Fifth, eighth, and tenth grade will still be required to take the paper pencil STAR science test. Once we have more information, ESs will be communicating with their families on how we will proceed. There will not be a writing test for fourth and seventh grade this year. All fifth, seventh, and ninth grade students are still required to take the physical fitness test. This year we have changed it slightly so that ESs will be administering this test during our testing window which is February 21st through May 22nd at a site that's determined by the ES and the family such as a park or local middle school or high school after hours. Our October CAHSEE has been completed. We are looking forward to our 10th graders taking the CAHSEE March 18-19. Lastly, our TK-11th grade students have completed the school-wide assessment with Scantron.

E. Title III: Lisa Voss Cyndi announced that we have created a District English Language Advisory Council (DELAC). Our first meeting is set for November 22, 2012 @ 12:30 pm. Parents may email Brenda to get more information regarding that meeting or to get in touch with Lisa. Our kindergarten through 3rd grade students use Reading Eggs for English language development, and Rosetta Stone for student in 4th through 12th grade. If this isn't something that sounds familiar to you, then you're probably an English only family so don't worry- it's not something you should be doing. Lisa Voss will be doing training on Illuminate. From that she will be able to offer some small group online classroom environments for her EL students. They will be having an in person class soon which will include some CAHSEE prep for our high school students. They are also going to do an English Language Learner group activity where they will meet at the Belle Cooledge Library to learn about the library system, get library cards, and then take a trip next door to the park. This information was sent out on the parent listserve.

F. Personalized Learning Teams: Becky Cote Cyndi announced that we have started a new program called the Personalized Learning Team (PLT) The PLT is a response to intervention model to help students that are struggling. The time to have a meeting like this is if a student is performing below standards. As soon as the parent or teacher feels that there is a learning problem and you want support, we would like to see if there's a way to provide intervention right away at the parent/teacher level before it looks like a special education issue. Parents may talk to the ES regarding the PLT process. If the student hasn't shown any growth that you had expected after following the PLT recommendations, the PLT can recommend with parent permission a request for an evaluation with the Special Education Department to see if there's any further support available. Becky Cote is in charge of the PLT. The process has been very busy this year with requests coming in from 3 of our schools. So far, they have completed 52 meetings and/or speech only requests this year. If speech only concern and not directly related to overall academic progress, then the PLT is where these requests are being handled rather than going through the full Special Ed process to determine eligibility for speech resources.

G. Authorized signatories for Schools Financial Credit Union account- Eric Schoffstall reported the changing of authorized signatures from Becky Cote to Kirstine Bowers as requested by Schools Financial Credit Union. Cyndi explained that this account is set up for graduation, spelling bee location, etc. This account is funded by BoxTops, eScripts, and other fundraising efforts that we do.

6 DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Upcoming Group Educational Activities Nichole Sawatzky informed that board that we are finishing up first semester GEAs. Today was Sutter's Fort, and yesterday was Discovery Kingdom. We have It's A Wonderful Life, and the Spelling Bee in December. That will end our GEAs for the first semester. More information on our second semester's GEAs will be coming out soon.

B. Parent Council Committees —Cyndi went over the subcommittees, and then went down the roll call sheet to find out what committee each member was interested in serving on.

7 ACTION ITEMS

A. Confirm newly appointed Board Members: No new board members to vote in.

B. Approval of the August 27, 2013 Minutes Rebecca Rodriguez motioned to approve the August 27, 2013 minutes. Janine Campos seconded the motion. Roll call was taken; Approval of August 27, 2013 minutes passed by 13 votes to none with 0 abstentions.

C. Approval of Conflict of Interest Policy Rich Mize motioned to approve Conflict of Interest Policy. Kristy Hollingshead seconded the motion. Roll call was taken; Approval of Conflict of Interest Policy passed by 13 votes to none with 0 abstentions.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

This agenda was posted at least 72 hours prior at the IEM, Inc. Offices, 1166 Broadway Ste. P, Placerville, CA, Marcum Illinois Union School District, charter school office, 2452 El Centro Blvd., E. Nicolaus, CA and on the school website- <http://www.sscs.cc/ParentCouncil/index.htm>.