

**Laurelwood Elementary School
School Site Council Meeting
December 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Sabrina Rumford.

Members in Attendance: Sabrina Rumford (Co-Chair), Kelly Neary (Co-Chair), Bonnie Lieberman (Secretary), Linda Gentry (Parliamentarian), Dr. Lori Rogers (Principal), Amanda Laughlin, Robyn Alves, Amber Wacht, Kristen Moriarty, Jack Riviere and J'Aleta Nisby.

Review of Agenda: Ms. Rumford reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The November 10, 2015 meeting minutes were presented for approval. There were two corrections made to the November meeting minutes, (i) modifying the primary grades' enrichment program class range to read "K-2" and (ii) modifying the Kindergarten classes currently numbering 30 students to read "three of the five." The November 10, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

At this time, Mr. Riviere, a District Tech TOSA, introduced himself.

Communications Subcommittee Report: Ms. Laughlin said she is hoping to get the communications survey out by the beginning of the year. At this time, she would like to get an idea of what the members would like to include in the survey. Ms. Rumford suggested that Ms. Laughlin send an email to the members to request their feedback. Ms. Laughlin agreed that this would be a good course of action. Once the survey is circulated, the subcommittee will take the survey results and decide how to address the issues parents raise. At this time, the subcommittee will consist of Ms. Rumford, Ms. Wacht and Ms. Lieberman.

Site News: Dr. Rogers announced that air conditioning will definitely be installed this summer. This was a big topic at the recent staff meeting as teachers will need to move out on the last day of school. Teachers will likely need parental assistance to pack rooms in order to meet this deadline. Teachers will be allowed to start packing boxes and moving them into storage on February 16. The District will be replacing carpets, installing air conditioning and improving the WiFi. Dr. Rogers also announced that Ms. Wacht would be completing Ms. Dentone's term on the Council and she is willing to remain on the Council next term as a teacher representative.

Hour of Code: Ms. Wacht talked about promoting computer programming to elementary school children. Last year, the entire 5th grade was able to try JavaScript at a simplified level. This year, the 4th grade will join the 5th grade for the Hour of Code event. The goal is to eventually go schoolwide. If you go schoolwide, you will qualify for applying for technology grants of \$15,000. The theme last year was Frozen and the

theme this year is Star Wars and Minecraft. There is a focus on getting more kids involved, particularly girls. The schoolwide goal is currently set for next year.

SPSA Budget Update: Dr. Rogers announced that there were no changes since the budget went out electronically. The carryover was spent. We are getting carts up to date and are getting new carts. There was a question asked as to why it is so difficult to receive new tablets. Mr. Riviere was unsure since they are an approved device and there is money allotted for them. Dr. Rogers said that for every purchase request they submit, they have to redo it multiple times. Ms. Wacht asked about SmartBoards and Dr. Rogers stated that they are not purchasing them right now. There is one waiting to be installed for Mrs. Ho but it was purchased through the PTA using Scholastic dollars. Dr. Rogers will find out if, while the school is being worked on, tech projectors could be mounted. She is also looking to outfit the remaining portables with WiFi so they can use Chromebooks.

Public Input and Comments: Ms. Wacht stated that she has data from science tests taken in 5th grade that she would like to present at the next meeting.

CAASSP Data: Dr. Rogers presented CAASSP pilot data that she was able to get. We outperformed the District in grades three, four and five. There was then a discussion about variance in technological abilities between grade levels and teaching to the whole child rather than to a test.

Announcements: The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Library. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th at 7:00pm at the SCUSD District Office.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Bonnie Lieberman, Secretary