



SANTA ROSA
FRENCH-AMERICAN
CHARTER SCHOOL

1350 Sonoma Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 2, 2014

Meeting Location: SRFACS Library

Recorded By: Jennifer Jimenez

ATTENDANCE

Pascal Stricher

Cindy Beurtheret

Kathleen Larsen

Sarah L'Hoste

Sheila Moore

Jason Davis

Nas Salamati

Jennifer Jimenez

MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Scribe: Jennifer Jimenez

Meeting Actual Start: 5:10 p.m.

Meeting Timekeeper: C. Beurtheret

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Davis moved to approve and C. Beurtheret seconded.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was some discussion about adding an action item to the agenda regarding the number of SAB members moving ahead into the 2014-2015 year. Sarah L'Hoste moved to approve and S. Moore seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A comment was made regarding the supervision of the blacktop area and use of balls during the morning drop off time which included a suggestion about establishing a certain area where ball play is allowed during the crowded morning time in order to avoid accidents. There was also some discussion about how to set up a check out system for the new sport equipment.

Principal's Report

There was some discussion about SAB protocol and the guidelines for public comment were reviewed.

P. Stricher shared that the school received accreditation for the first cycle, TK and K, from the French Education Ministry. SRFACS is the first public school in the western region to have received accreditation. This will increase resources available to the school through the French Ministry of Education and the regional pedagogical coordinator will be able to come provide more workshops to the teachers. One of the major goals of the school is to fully align the French curriculum with the Common Core standards. There is a cost that comes with accreditation which is \$40/student in the TK and K, which will be paid yearly.

Enrollment: P. Stricher shared the current enrollment numbers. TK and Kinder are almost full. The facilities can't accommodate more than 500 students and the school is currently at 418 so the growth of the school at the current site remains an issue.

Middle School Update

Currently the school has 12 seventh graders. P. Stricher shared that a goal of the school is to continue working toward a middle school option within the SRFACS model. Two of the main issues to consider are facilities and curricular focus. The district is in charge of decision making regarding facilities. The school itself can focus on developing a curriculum model that it would like to implement. There will be a task force from the SRFACS community established to work on this. A group has met once to brainstorm and the consensus currently is that it will be necessary to include district representation. A question was posed as to how more community members can be represented. Another question was posed about whether or not the district is supportive of this process. The meetings are currently scheduled for Thursdays at 8 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Progress Toward Goals as Outlined in the Charter

Noting that each member of SAB was representing a particular group of stakeholders (teachers, founders, parents, etc.), J. Davis said that the two elected parent representatives to SAB (himself and J. Jimenez) intended to make a greater effort this year to solicit ideas and feedback from parents, and to reflect these views at meetings.

P. Stricher shared that one way to increase this type of communication is to also increase parent meetings with him, possibly on a monthly basis. A suggestion was made to add a link to the web page with SAB member contact information, J. Jimenez will represent SAB at the Back to School night group meeting to introduce SAB briefly to the parents.

J. Davis urged Principal Stricher to take the initiative to get word out to parents on all of the good things that were being done on curriculum at SRFACS, such as the English teachers taking on the responsibility of teaching English Math once a week. P. Stricher shared that this is to align the French math curriculum with the US system and in order to properly prepare the students for testing as well. P. Stricher shared that this type of systemic alignment in all subjects is important to help with new teachers' transition at the school. C. Beurtheret stated that teachers are continuing to be trained in the Common Core standards through the district. P. Stricher also shared that monthly faculty meetings will focus on harmonizing the standards between the two systems. Support was expressed for increasing communication between teachers and parents to share student work and progress. J. Davis stated that last year parents were pleasantly surprised when, at the end of the school year, their children brought home large stacks of notebooks, covering the entire year, filled with evidence of detailed instruction and exercises in math and science. A suggestion was made that one way of communicating student progress to parents might be encouraging teachers to send the notebooks home as soon as they were filled, rather than all together at the end of the year. Teacher representatives, C. Beurtheret and S. L'Hoste, shared that they will bring this question to the faculty.

Annual Parent Survey Results

P. Stricher passed out the survey results. SAB members will read and review and bring back comments and analysis to the next meeting. Discussion will take place in a future SAB meeting as to how to report out the results to the larger parent population.

SAB Annual Calendar

SAB meeting Dates: 1st Tuesday of each month

October 7
Nov. 4 Budget Report
Dec. 9
January 13
Feb. 3 Annual Survey Prep
March 3
April 7
May 5

P. Stricher shared that there will be a district wide schools fair September 27 and he would like to have a booth for SRFACS. The deadline to sign up is this week. He also shared that a foundation member will attend SAB meetings.

Additional Comments

No additional comments

Meeting End

Meeting scheduled end: 7 PM

Meeting actual end: 7:22

Next Meeting

Next Meeting Location: SRFACS library

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday October 7, 2014

Next Meeting Time: 5 PM