



SANTA ROSA
FRENCH-AMERICAN
CHARTER SCHOOL

1350 Sonoma Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**

Meeting Date: January 13, 2015

Meeting Location: SRFACS Library

Recorded By: Jennifer Jimenez

ATTENDANCE

Pascal Stricher

Cindy Beurtheret

Kathleen Larsen

Sarah L'Hoste

R. Miller

Jason Davis

Nas Salamati

Jennifer Jimenez

MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled Start: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Scribe: Jennifer Jimenez

Meeting Actual Start: 5:15 p.m.

Meeting Timekeeper: C. Beurtheret

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. L'Hoste moved to approve the minutes and J. Davis seconded. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

P. Stricher asked to postpone the item: Midyear Budget Review until next month's meeting so that he can gather more information and clarification on the budget at this point in the year. C. Beurtheret moved to approve and J. Jimenez seconded. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A parent expressed concern that some EL identified students are not receiving the after school support that began in November. Concern was expressed about the classification status of these students as well. Another parent expressed the thought that it is important for all parents and stakeholders to be thoughtful with respect to the ways in which questions and concerns are pursued.

Principal's Report

The third open house was held for the school and all enrollment paperwork for kindergarten has been distributed. There continues to be high levels of interest in the school and the kindergarten classes are expected to fill all spots again next year.

Additional academic support will continue to be given after school three days a week to identified students in the second half of the year using LCAP funding that is allocated for EL and low income students. Two additional teachers were hired in addition to existing staff who will provide this support for a total of four teachers. Additional support will be given to students during the school day as well with additional time scheduled for the school's reading specialist. P. Stricher asked that any parents who feel concerned about whether or not their students are getting support should contact him directly.

Element H

P. Stricher passed out the text of Element H that will be passed out at the school board meeting for review on January 14. There was some discussion about certain parts. P. Stricher clarified some points about sibling priority and how lottery will be held regarding the balance between students who are free and reduced lunch and all other students, including students who are coming from out of district. The district will now include a question about free and reduced status in enrollment paperwork. There was some discussion about what Element H means for SRFACS. P. Stricher shared that no kindergarteners have been refused so far and no students are on the waiting list.

Middle School Update

The District Assistant Superintendent of Facilities will present his audit of the school district facilities at tomorrow's school board meeting. He did not want to present the SRFACS middle school project to the board until after presenting this audit. New school board committees that address these issues will also be formed in tomorrow's meeting. P. Stricher stated that he expects the SRFACS middle school item will be addressed in the January 28th meeting. Some questions were posed about the grade levels and site location of a middle school program. Ultimately, the school board will vote upon these issues after committee consideration. A question was posed about whether or not a survey has been taken of the current parent population about interest in continuing

in the SRFACS model for middle school. It was shared that district officials seem supportive of the long term vision of an International Secondary Program and adapted language programs to serve students from charter schools such as SRFACS and Cesar Chavez.

Uniform Guidelines and Electronic Devices Reminders

A uniform review committee will be convened in January. Some issues that will be addressed are current guidelines, different issues of compliance between grade levels, free dress days, and issues around PE attire.

A question was posed about the role of playground staff in enforcing the rules about electronic devices. P. shared that he has met with the playground staff supervisor about school rules regarding electronic devices. All staff will enforce the school rules and confiscate electronic devices if students have them out during recess or in class and devices will be turned in to the office.

ACTION ITEMS

Progress Toward Goals as Outlined in the Charter

Club de Devoirs

Dimitri (last name?) introduced himself as the new coordinator of the after care program. He explained that the after school homework help is evolving to serve more students and to offer a full hour of academic support rather than merely a study hall with tutors and academic enrichment. The survey that went out to parents was responded to by 100 parents about 30 of whom are already enrolled in after care. A SRFACS teacher is currently helping with homework for two days a week and the program is in the process of trying to hire additional French speaking staff. This process has to go through the district after care hiring protocol. Pascal is also involved in the hiring process. The point was made that many parents would like the program to offer French language support for homework.

Nutrition Guidelines for Birthdays and other classroom celebrations

Representative of the wellness committee, L. Van Prooyen, shared revised guidelines for the current year. She added in recommendations for non food treats, ingredients to avoid, and size of servings. She also shared some other schools' guidelines regarding non food items for birthday celebrations to consider for future years. C. Beurtheret shared some concerns from teachers, such as balloons. There was some discussion about whether or not nutrition guidelines or methods of celebration will be school wide or class by class. N. Salamati shared that promotion of the guidelines can take place.

Computer Lab Update

N. Salamati reported on the status of the new computers with the computer lab upgrade. The district IT tech reviewed the equipment and left computers that are still functioning and recycled the rest. The new Mac desktop computers have arrived at the district. Work is being done on the space itself on roof tiles, the entrance, and a projection system. Once computers are installed, the next step will be to train the teachers on the devices and survey them about intended use in order to install programs and applications. C. Beurtheret expressed a desire for a better headphone set up in the lab. There was some discussion about how teachers could integrate online programs into instruction such as RAZ Kids and Accelerated Reader.

Additional Comments

A question was posed about how teachers will be preparing for Smarter Balanced Testing. P. Stricher shared that tomorrow teachers will meet with the district staff person in charge of test preparation to begin working with practice tests and preparation modules.

The additional outdoor table set up was mentioned and some concern was expressed about the options students can have to move inside if they are cold.

Meeting End

Meeting scheduled end: 7 PM

Meeting actual end: 7:30

Next Meeting

Next Meeting Location: SRFACS library

Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2015

Next Meeting Time: 5 PM

