



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 18, 2014

Meeting Location: SRFACS Library

Recorded By: Jennifer Jimenez

ATTENDANCE

Pascal Stricher

Jennifer Jimenez

Brian Benefield

Jennifer Schwinn

Gwenaelle Peyret

Cindy Beurtheret

Kathleen Helleskov

Sheila Moore

Jason Davis

J. Gospe

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

C. Beurtheret moved to approve. J. Davis Seconded. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

K. Helleskov moved to approve the agenda and G. Peyret seconded. There was some discussion about the timing of establishing the monthly agenda. It was agreed that J. Jimenez would send out a request for agenda items a week or more before the upcoming meeting and the agenda will be finalized a week before each meeting so as to post the agenda on the website.



PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Principal's Report

P. Stricher shared that the school received 162 applications for 2014-2015. 96 of those applications were for Kindergarten. There will be a lottery for the wait list spots. Four kindergarten classes are planned for next year and one transitional kindergarten. The other applications are for grades 1-5 and P. Stricher clarified that new students can be accepted into the school until third grade and francophone students only in grades beyond third, based on availability. P. Stricher also noted that the lottery process will change with the district's implementation of education code that targets increasing diversity in all charter schools to match the district wide demographic by 2015-2016. There was some discussion about how to increase outreach to a wider range of students from a broader socioeconomic background.

P. Stricher shared that a journalist came to visit the school from Le Point Magazine. Her article will come out in 3-4 weeks about SRFACS. A French TV channel also approached the school to possibly develop a relationship with the school.

The Comprehensive School Safety Plan was dispersed. There were some questions about the dress code implementation and enforcement as well as how suspensions are counted. J. Jimenez moved to approve the Safety Plan. B. Benefield seconded. Unanimous approval.

LCFF

The Local Control Funding Formula is the new model for school funding replacing the previous system that has been in place for 40 years. The new funding intends to address the needs of low income students, ELLs, and foster students in a more effective way as opposed to the categorical funding system of the past. Another intention is to enable districts to have more flexibility in how they use funds, particularly for higher need students. More input is being solicited from a wider range of stakeholders in the funding decision-making than in the past. The LCFF will be established based on a Local Control Accountability Plan submitted by the district to the state. SAB provided input on the three categories of state priorities: Conditions of Learning, Pupil Outcomes, and Engagement. Each member brainstormed items for each category for consideration in the LCFF. There was some discussion about the input, particularly regarding the technology needs of the school. A comment was made that it is important to frame input into the funding plan in



terms of needs that are determined to be priorities. P. Stricher will repeat this process with other parent groups such as the parent representatives, second cup of coffee, and ELAC.

2014-2014 Upper Grades

P. Stricher shared that there was a meeting with the current 7th grade families and three families attended. Issues that were discussed were: small numbers for next year, possible options for combined grade level classes, etc. At this point it is projected that there will only be 7-8 students returning for 8th grade. Parents were told that there may not be an eighth grade next year because of the small numbers and most were not in favor of a combined 7th and 8th grade class. P. Stricher scheduled another meeting to include current 6th grade parents regarding next year and possible options for future 7th and 8th graders. It was shared that in French schools there is no combination class after 6th grade. The school district has yet to make a final decision regarding next year's 8th graders. There was a discussion about what this might mean for future years regarding SRFACS being a K-8 school and whether or not the site is large enough to have a 7th and 8th grade as well as a full elementary, since the number of classrooms at the school site can only accommodate up to about 500 students. P. Stricher expressed that it will be difficult for the school to receive accreditation for the upper grades from the French Ministry, if it extends into 7th and 8th grade at this time or if there is a 7th and 8th grade combination class. There was discussion about different options for the future regarding 7th and 8th grades, such as the creation of a satellite middle school program on another school site. A suggestion was made to survey parents about the options for a SRFACS middle school, some of the limitations with facilities, and the ability to offer traditional middle school curricula and enrichment activities such as sports. It was expressed that the larger school community should be given an opportunity to give input on this matter.

R. Monarrez, Doug Bower, and Ana Guzman attended the meeting with 7th grade parents will be taking the parents' feedback into account and will then address it at the district level. P. Stricher will continue to address this issue with district officials and other district principals. He will also address this question in the second cup of coffee meeting with parents on February 28.

A motion was made to formulate some survey questions for parents to address the long term question of the growth. B. Benefield seconded. J. Schwinn and J. Davis volunteered to draft those questions.

Marquee

J. Davis shared that the district offered to remove the sign at no cost and it is their position



that it can't be fixed. There was some discussion about how to approach the district about the need for a public notice board that is alignment with others in the district in order to facilitate community awareness and outreach for the school.

Volunteer Hours Tracking System

J. Davis shared that an update of the current site is underway and the site manager recommended waiting to go live with it until that update is completed. It was decided to table this item for the next meeting.

Mascot Logo Design

The flyer went out to students to submit designs and there will be a follow up reminder. P. Stricher shared that some of the teachers have discussed incorporating the design contest into classroom projects.

Progress Toward Goals as Outlined in the Charter

R. Cooper has looked at the Smarter Balanced Practice Test and teachers are beginning to take students into the lab to practice. A suggestion was made to include an announcement in La Plume with the practice test link if it is accessible to the public. C. Beurtheret shared that the tests were created to work on older technology since the state is aware that not all schools have up to date technology and the feedback so far from teachers is that the practice tests are able to run on the existing computers but slowly.

Additional Comments

No additional comments

Meeting End

Meeting scheduled end: 7 PM

Meeting actual end: 8:25

Next Meeting

Next Meeting Location: SRFACS library

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Next Meeting Time: 5 PM



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