

School Site Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2009

Attendees: Alex Chapman, Arati Nagaraj, Vinutha Mohan, Parul Samdarshi, Kim Heubner, Kathy Finnecey, Matt Weber, Janet Okada, Michael Hulme.

The meeting was called to order at **3:40pm**.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the September meeting were approved with Alex making a motion.
2. **Single Plan for Student Achievement:** Alex presented the Single Plan for Student Achievement for the School year 2009-10. Alex mentioned that the Single Plan should be the basis for driving the SSC efforts. There is no SIP budget for this year and all SIP funds are rolled into the General funds of the District. Exceptions to this are ELL, EIA, and 1st Grade Reading Intervention programs which are funded separately. Despite lack of SIP budget, Lane Weiss and Beth Polito want to support the SSC programs as they consider them worthwhile. However they will take a piece meal approach to funding these activities. After taking a formal vote the Single Plan for student achievement was approved by the SSC.
3. **STAR / CST 2008-09 Results:** Information about these results is available to parents at the California Department of Education website. Alex gave the group a 5 year glimpse of Argonaut's results which showed that we continue to perform well as a school. A slight dip in the 3rd Grade results is consistent with District and County averages.
4. **ELL Update:** A new ELL Master plan is in place now, bringing the District in compliance. The number of ELL students for the new Kindergarten class is significantly lower than last year. New students are administered the initial CELDT tests. Other students will take the Annual CELDT tests. The teachers will review the results of the Annual test with parents of ELL students during the November conference. This is a big shift in procedure and a welcome change. During these conferences, the teachers will discuss the State wide English Language standards in addition to content standards to put the report cards in "context" for these parents. In addition, Kwan share, the intervention specialist, will review ILP plan with the parents including assessment, interventions and goals
5. **Survey:** The Survey on School Climate has been moved to a later date. This is due to the fact that in November there will be a SEF survey as well as a California Healthy Kids survey. The results of the Healthy Kids survey will be analyzed first to avoid redundancy before sending out the School Climate survey.
6. **Topics for future:** With the elimination of SIP Budget, the SSC now takes on an "Advisory" role. Future conversations will involve evaluating current programs as well as thinking out of the box on how to maintain these programs without funding, should the General funds dwindle.
7. Meeting Adjourned: **4.45pm**