

**School Site Council Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2009**

**Attendees:** Alex Chapman, Vinutha Mohan, Arati Nagaraj, Parul Samdarshi, Aparna Seethepalli, Mike Hulme, Grace Peng, Kathy Finnecey, Cindy Harris, Matt Weber, Kim Huebner,

The meeting was called to order at **3:35pm**.

1. **Introduction:** Vinutha welcomed everyone. Introductions of all members.
2. **SSC Overview:** Alex gave a PowerPoint slide presentation (provided by the County Office of Education) that gave an overview of the SSC. Key is to analyze verifiable data and address those areas in need.
3. **Budget:** Next few years will be challenging. Our focus should be on evaluating effectiveness of programs this year. State has cut \$8.8B in K-12 education; there are 1080 school districts in CA. SUSD will be using \$\$ from reserve for this year. No reserve to fall back on in coming years. SUSD did not want to eliminate any jobs or programs right away. The SIP budget has been absorbed into the general fund and all personnel supported by the SIP budget will be retained (aides, science, reading, etc.). DRA testing time will be given.
4. **ELL:** Argonaut has the highest number of ELL students in the district. All K-5 student that are identified as ELL learners, are being administered the CELDT test. This year, even K-2 student have to be tested in all 4-strands (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing). As such, it is taking a long time to get through the testing. Additional help from Foothill has been brought in. Parents will be informed during November conferences about their children's progress and plan. Kwan will help teachers create these report cards.
5. **Misc:** There will be a section in the Monday Memo from the Principal once a month dedicated to SSC. This is to inform the community about SSC and what we are doing. Agenda and minutes are always available via the website as well as hard copy in the office. There is a plan to invite Beth Polito to present the District test results; Lane Weiss to conduct a "learning style" survey for SSC members; and we will plan a student/staff survey on school safety, and bullying.
6. **Proposed meeting dates:** 10/19, 12/7
7. **Proposed topics for future meetings:**
  - SIP Plan
  - API results
  - Budget Update
8. Meeting Adjourned: **4.45pm**