

**School Site Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 7, 2009**

**Attendees:** Alex Chapman, Arati Nagaraj, Vinutha Mohan, Kim Heubner, Aparna Seethepalli, Janet Okada, Jessica Tu, Grace Peng, Lorraine Priscaro, Cindy Harris.

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the October meeting were approved with Aparna making a motion.
2. **Community Service Project:** Student Council was a great driving force. Thanks to all parents, teachers, staff, and especially students. More projects to come in the winter and spring.
3. **Single Plan for Student Achievement:** Alex presented the Single Plan for Student Achievement to the Board. Used the Smart Board (funded by PTA) to demo. Showed how SIP plan aligns with School and District goals. *Should SSC come up with a back-up plan in case funding does not happen in the 2010-11 year?* Aparna, Grace, Cindy, Lorraine, Jessica approved the plan, due to their absence at the last SSC meeting.
4. **SAC Meeting Update:** Go and see the Saratoga Leveled Library? See how it is organized and who accesses it?
5. **CA Healthy Kids Survey:** What information can we use from this survey? Administered to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Where are the needs for social-emotional literacy among students, parents, and teachers at Argonaut? Student results come later and will be shared with SSC. Answers regarding school climate, bullying. Have to design survey for kids that will be easy for them to understand and administer. Important to keep in mind that this survey is only 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Have to design for K-5. Teachers: More help needed for Social development. Project Cornerstone? Making the HOME-SCHOOL connection is important.
6. **Distinguished School Application:** Argonaut was not invited. Criteria to apply has changed but was not communicated to schools. Closing the achievement gap between ethnic sub-groups. Meet all criteria, except: closing the achievement gap. 2 numerically significant sub-groups – Asian (992) and Caucasian (923). Overall our API is off the charts. Both sub-groups have to meet the score criteria. Needed to score 940 or above. How do we move forward? Always a way to getting better and achieving results. Question: Are we concerned as a SSC enough to make some major changes to target our sub-group? We want to be inclusive not divisive. Would like to target a subject area where we would like to improve as opposed to ethnicity.
7. **Next Meeting Dates: January 11, Feb 1, March 1**
8. **Topics for future:** Program description for Project Cornerstone; determine the curriculum area we want to focus on to improve on.
9. Meeting Adjourned: **4.55pm**