

**School Site Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**Attendees:** Vinutha Mohan, Grace Peng, Cindy Harris, Janet Okada, Matt Weber, Kim Huebner, Kathy Finnecy, Parul Samadarshi, Aparna Seethapalli, Alex Chapman, Jessica Tu.

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

**1. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the January meeting were approved with Kim Huebner making a motion.

**2. Project Cornerstone – Linda Sivius**

We had a guest speaker from Project Cornerstone to present the program to the SSC members. Linda opened by saying that Project Cornerstone is not a program but a model for child development. The purpose of Project Cornerstone is to build a community that honors and celebrates children. Children lose a big chunk of assets in Middle School and High School. Linda also shared some statistics that showed us that there are no significant statistical differences between these kids based on economic status, geographical location or parents' marital status.

The main goals of Project Cornerstone are:

1. Build a caring school climate
2. Build nurturing relationships between teachers and kids
3. Use a strength-based approach to build assets.

Children need between 31-40 assets to thrive. Most 5<sup>th</sup> Graders have about 27. She also mentioned that service to the community is a "gateway" asset. Next steps are as follows:

1. Alex to e-mail Linda about Argonaut's interest in Project Cornerstone model
2. Linda to come out and present to staff to get staff buy-in
3. Linda and SSC may need to get Parent buy-in through Parent education
4. Find Parent Leads for the program

**3. School Survey:** Alex presented the finalized School Survey to gather some information regarding school climate. This ties in well with project Cornerstone. We will use Survey Monkey as it is easy to tally. Survey will be taken by 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. 5<sup>th</sup> Graders may help 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders do the survey. Survey results will be compiled by Alex for the March meeting.

**4. Meeting Adjourned: 5:02pm**

**5. Next meeting: March 1<sup>st</sup>**