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SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at San Pasqual Union School

Meeting called to order at 3:32pm.

Members Graves, Legge-Beekman, Higgins, Muktari, Bronson, Carroll, McKay, Read-Smith, and Burroughs present. CBO Rhonda Brown also present. Members J Hansen, Dussia, and P Hansen not present.

Guests welcomed and the pledge of allegiance recited. Principal Burroughs welcomed new SSC members and provided brief orientation to committee, purpose, and process. He advised that P Hansen is preparing binders with more info.

Hearing of the public. No comments shared.

Member Graves motioned to approve agenda and minutes. Member Carroll seconded the motion. In discussion, Member Graves requested 4/7/21 minutes be amended as follows:

Item IV - Remove "See attachment for presentation."

Item V - Change "2 parent seats" to "3 parent seats"; Change "kicking of the new year" to "kicking off the new year". Motion to approve agenda and minutes, with above changes passed 9-0.

Member Graves motioned to elect Member Legge-Beekman as SSC Chairperson. Member Carroll seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Member Legge-Beekman motioned to elect Member Graves as Vice-Chairperson. Member Bronson seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Member Graves motioned to elect member P Hansen as Secretary. Member Legge-Beekman seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Member Legge-Beekman motioned to support state waiver to remove election requirement for “By Trustee Area” governing board elections. Member Graves seconded the motion. Per questions from members, Principal Burroughs provided legal and fiscal reasons for transitioning using the state waiver process. Principal Burroughs also elaborated on factors considered when determining trustee areas. Motion passed 9-0.

Principal Burroughs provided an overview of LCAP (district’s 3-year plan) approved by the Governing Board in June 2021. (see district website for presentation).

Principal Burroughs and CBO Brown provided a district fiscal report. District remains the lowest funded district in per pupil spending in SD County. Due to declining enrollment, the district is expected to lose over \$500,000 in revenue for the 2022/23 school year. Council members discussed reasons for declining enrollment and the use of exit surveys. Mr. Burroughs advised that exit surveys were attempted with little success. Most departures appear to be COVID related (i.e. parents moving, avoiding COVID mitigations, fearful, seeking longstanding distance programs, etc.). Mr. Burroughs also shared the likelihood of an additional \$220,000 loss in special education funding connected to the closure of San Pasqual Academy. Options to reduce deficit spending presented. (see district website for presentation).

Council discussed the accuracy of future budget projections. CBO Brown advised that projections are merely that and can only use information available at the time. However, unless the state changes its formula for funding schools, it’s fairly certain we will lose about approximately \$500,000 in revenue for the 2022/23 school year due to the decline of 60 students.

Mr. Burroughs shared use of 1x COVID funds, including capital projects like HVAC replacement and shade structure installation. Member Carroll and other team members suggested that some COVID funding could be used to create a library media center and/or Makers Studio.

Principal Burroughs provided the Principal Report in which he shared the successful opening to the school year. Students remain engaged with in person learning. Relatively few COVID cases and those have had minimal impact on school operations (i.e., few students have been required to quarantine at home due to new “modified quarantine” options). Mr. Burroughs is concerned about the effect vaccine mandates may have on enrollment, staffing, and volunteers.

Member Mohktari expressed concerns regarding cyberbullying and recommended education for parents and students, especially Spanish-speaking families. Suggests retired police officer Al Love. Mr. Burroughs contacted Mr. Love and he is currently unavailable. Other options will be considered. Member Graves suggested [“Protect Young Eyes”](#) program. School will research and provide update at next meeting

During Team Input/Discussion, members expressed concerns including broken equipment (i.e., glider), dress code, MS PE grading <https://www.sanpasqualunion.net/Page/1085>, Social Media (i.e., Tik Tok challenges)

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm. Next meeting 12/7/21 @ 3:30pm.

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