

Minutes

SSCS Charter School Parent Council Meeting

Monday
6 PM
10/12/09

SSCS Admin Office
2452 El Centro Blvd.
East Nicolaus, CA. 95659

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm, 2452 El Centro Blvd., East Nicolaus.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. **ROLL CALL-** Corporate Officers present: John Wilberger, IEM District Liaison, Janet Marsh, ES Support Director, Becky Cote, Education Services Director, and Lisa Voss, Educational Liaison. 16 School Council members present: Heather Anderson, Rachel Bijold, Dina Brinkley, Susan Brown, Benita Corona, Gina Hamblin-SanJuan, Stephany Huckins, Mary Lambeth, Holly Lettington, Nola Linn, Venisa McAllister, Glenda McBride, Stacey Phillips, Susan Smith, Annette Tompkins, Brandi Weems.

4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public may be heard on any item. A person addressing the Council will be limited to 3 minutes, unless the Site Administrator grants a longer period of time. Comments by members of the public on an item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Council.

No one addressed the Council at this time.

5. Action Items

A. Vote in new members- Susan Brown motions to approve new members; Susan Smith seconds the motion. Roll call was taken; Heather Anderson, Rachel Bijold, Dina Brinkley, Susan Brown, Benita Corona, Gina Hamblin-SanJuan, Mary Lambeth, Holly Lettington, Nola Linn, Venisa McAllister, Glenda McBride, Brandi Weems vote to approve new members. None opposed.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

2. Approval of Agenda

Decided to table action item B1 and B2 (consent agenda) until next board meeting.

C. Approval of Board bank account for Board expenditures (graduation, etc.)

Lisa Voss explains what this account is for as well as its benefits. School Council members begin asking about interest charges; Becky Cote reassures members that we will try to find the best deal without any monthly charges. Susan Brown motions to approve; Dina Brinkley seconds the motion. Roll call was taken; votes were unanimous in favor of approving a bank account for Board expenditures.

D. 403b Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Sutter Charter School 403(b) Plan set forth in the Plan Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the CPI Qualified Plan Consultants is hereby authorized and instructed to execute said Plan Agreement for and on behalf of the organization.

Becky explains that this has been updated to the current laws. Mary Lambeth motions to approve the South Sutter Charter School 403(b) Plan set forth in the Plan Agreement, and resolved further, that the CPI Qualified Plan Consultants is hereby authorized and instructed to execute said Plan Agreement for and on behalf of the organization. Susan Brown seconds the motion to approve the South Sutter Charter School 403(b) Plan set forth in the Plan Agreement, and resolved further, that the CPI Qualified Plan Consultants is hereby authorized and instructed to execute said Plan Agreement for and on behalf of the organization. Roll call was taken; votes were unanimous in favor of approving 403(b) Resolution.

6. Discussion Items

A. Welcome New Board Members- Lisa Voss and Becky Cote welcome the newly appointed members.

B. Duties of Board Members- Dina Brinkley and Stacey Phillips request The Role of the School Council Member emailed to them. Brandi Weems asks if she could contact someone to make suggestions. Lisa Voss volunteers to receive emails from parents making suggestions for our school.

C. Discuss committees- Becky Cote and Lisa Voss take a moment to encourage members on the importance of our WASC committee. Graduation will be held at First Covenant Church. GEA Committee is probably the most fun and easiest. Fundraising is still going on with E-scripts and Boxtops. Yearbook has never been done, but we are open to having someone step up. STAR testing help setting up and helping with snacks for students. Janet asks if there are some parents that are willing to help set up park days in different geographical areas. Venisa asks if she could have the amount of parents in her area. Janet lets her know we can send out a message on our parent listserve with the coordinator's email, and then parents can contact the coordinator. Nola Linn says there is already a park day in the Sacramento area. Lisa mentions and large group in the Yuba Sutter area. Janet Marsh says she would like to see groups started in areas that do not have groups already established. The groups must be all inclusive and non-sectarian in nature. Mary Lambeth asks if there is a vision of how often to schedule the park days. Janet suggests getting a group together and find out what the parents are interested in. Brandi Weems offers to head up the Oroville/Chico area. Lisa Voss goes down the School Council list to ask for volunteers. Heather Anderson- GEA, Rachel Bijold- GEA, Dina Brinkley- fundraising, Susan Brown- WASC, Gina Hamblin-SanJuan fundraising, Mary Lambeth- park day, Nola Linn- GEA and park day, Venisa McAllister- park day, Glenda McBride-WASC, Stacey Phillips- fundraising, Susan Smith- GEA, Annette Tompkins- GEA, Brandi Weems- park and WASC.

D. Enrollment Report- Janet Marsh reports that as of today, there are 1437 students.

E. Resignations and additions to staff for 2009-2010- We have 22 new teachers

F. WASC Information- Becky Cote explains that we have a 6 year review this year. We have done our focus groups, we are continually updating our profile, and we'll be visited by a WASC team in March. Those who have volunteered for this committee will be in a small group with questions to respond to by WASC. This is to help get parents comfortable answering questions before this meeting. We will be contacting those who have volunteered to be on the WASC committee. John Wilberger asks what a 6 year review is. Becky Cote explains that once the initial 3 years is up, you have to put together this incredible amount of information and sit down with a chair person to review. They look at all the info, analyze, and measure it against their own rubric, and then give a full 6 without a 3 year which is the best, or a 6 year with a mid 3 year review, or can only approve a 3 year, or a 2 year, or can't approve at all based on all the information we prepare for. A parent says she opted out last year for STAR testing. She said she heard somewhere that there is a different rule for other schools. Becky lets her know she can be tested individually.

G. STAR test results- Becky Cote announces that our last STAR testing results show growth. There will be an article in the next newsletter that will go over the results in detail. 56 points is incredible growth. We still have a ways to grow. We need to be 800 or above by 2014. What caused the growth? Participation rate increased, we made sure that when kids came, they completed the test. We have been working with students to pass the areas they were struggling in. We zero in to train teachers to help students, work collaboratively by pulling parents and teachers together to help students. We had some high risk students that were not able to continue with our program, but then they came back and met the criteria required to re-enroll. Our sponsoring district superintendent is so encouraged that they did an early charter renewal. We have already been approved for another 5 years.

7. ADJOURN- Dina Brinkley motions to adjourn. Benita Corona 2nds them motion to adjourn. All were unanimously in favor of adjourning; none were opposed.

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