

SSCS School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 3, 2014

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President, Cynthia Rachel, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME/ROLL CALL

Corporate Officers present: Eric Schoffstall, Executive Director: Compliance, District Relations and School Services, Cynthia Rachel, Corporate Secretary, Brenda Christensen, School Council Secretary. Arlie Capps, Legal Counsel for IEM and SS. Twelve Parent Council members were present: Janine Campos, Katie DeVore, Heather Jones, Jennifer Pendley, Jean Ping, Rebecca Rodriguez, Patrick Salo, Andrea Schrimp, Robert Pierce, Courtney Adams, Nancy Mackenroth, and Richard Mize.

4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

The majority of the Parent Council voted to limit the total time of the Hearing of the Public to one hour.

NAME	TITLE	TOPIC
Anne Haney & Beth Ward	Education Specialists (ES) for South Sutter (SS)	Teacher Created Proposal
Jennifer Freeman	Advisor, ES, Parent with SS	Response to Intervention (RTI)
Susan Fleming	ES with SS	RTI
Kim Keyes	ES with SS	IEM Restructuring
Teri Alves	Guidance Counselor and ES for SS	WASC report
Tracy Edwards	Teacher Services Director for SS	RTI
Janine Campos	Parent Council member and Parent with SS	Graduation ceremony

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*During the Hearing of the Public, the following Parent Council members joined the meeting: Kristy Hollingshead, Anne Marie Robbins, and Lacie Robertson.

5. NEW PARENT COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

Rebecca Rodriguez motioned fill the vacancies on the Parent Council with Shandi Virnoche and Harold Davies.

Jennifer Pendley seconded the motion.

Approval of appointing Shandi Virnoche and Harold Davies to the Parent Council passed by 14 votes to none with 0 abstentions.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Lacie Robertson motioned to approve the April 24, 2014 minutes.

Andrea Schrimp seconded the motion.

Anne Marie Robbins asked for clarification on PIPs.

Steven Ward stated that he found 17 PIPs between 2013-2014. He clarified they were not in the employee files. All 17 PIPs will be removed from advisor files.

Janine Campos asked for more information to be included in the minutes. Cyndi Rachel offered to look into having the meeting transcribed and then offered to state at the top of the minutes that there was a recording available upon request.

Nancy Mackenroth motioned to have the minutes amended to reflect that the board requested the PIPs be removed.

Lacie Robertson approved the amendment.

Andrea Schrimp seconded the amendment.

Anne Marie Robins asked when the Independent Study Policy would be ready to readdress for approval.

Eric Schoffstall stated that it would probably be ready before the start of next school year.

Approval of the April 24, 2014 minutes with an amendment to reflect that the board requested the PIPs be removed passed by 12 votes to none with 2 abstentions.

7. BROWN ACT REVIEW

Arlie Capps reviewed the following from the Brown Act:

- Open and public discussions
- What constitutes a meeting
- Serial communications/meetings
- Standing and Ad Hoc committees
- Concurrences
- Teleconference Meetings
- ADA requirements
- Public access
- Agenda posting requirements

8. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (Two Cases)

At 8:05 pm, Cynthia Rachel closed the Public Hearing.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 9:00 pm, Cynthia Rachel opened the Public Hearing. Arlie Capps announced that it was the decision of the Council that due to a lack of jurisdiction these matters would be tabled and the Council would take no further action at this time.

9. DISCUSSION OF PARENT COUNCIL ROLE IN SSCS GOVERNANCE

Arlie Capps reviewed the following:

- Role and functions of the School Council as specifically defined in section 3 in the Bylaws
- Administrator's responsibility as outlined in paragraph 4 of the Bylaws

- Sponsoring district's role as outlined in Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)
- Objectives as defined by Ed Code 47601
- Accountability to state taxpayers

Arlie noted the language that got into the Bylaws regarding Parent Council's ability to change the administrator (which was IEM) was inconsistent with the Charter.

10. PARENT COUNCIL BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Arlie suggested as a board they would specify that this is an Ad Hoc Committee.

Janine Campos moved to make the Bylaws Committee Ad Hoc with a completion date of November 1, 2014 at 6pm.

Anne Marie Robbins seconded the motion.

Approval to make the Bylaws Committee Ad Hoc passed by 14 to none with 0 abstentions.

Janine Campos, designated spokesperson for the Bylaws Committee, reported that after reading through the Bylaws, the Committee interpreted that the charter was inconsistent with Bylaws. The Committee expressed a desire to partner and work together with IEM and asked that Arlie present the request for outside council to Randy Gashler with a 2 week response time. Arlie agreed to see what he could do. Arlie reminded the Committee that they could not get a consensus based upon an at-large participation. Shandi Virnoche and Patrick Salo were added to the Bylaws Committee.

11. LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) REPORT

Lisa Voss presented the LCAP report to the Parent Council. Shoni Johnson, LCAP Coordinator, was available via phone for questions/comments.

12. IEM REPORT OF RESTRUCTURING

Eric Schoffstall stated that he was hopeful that these distrust issues will go away, but understood it was going to take a lot of work. He explained that IEM is the administrator for SS and takes the responsibility to set high goals to provide the best education for our students. It was clear that IEM schools were operating under different sets of policies and they felt very strongly that those policies should be consistent. There is a point on record at a Parent Council meeting when he mentioned the fact that IEM was working on unifying the schools. It was a couple years after the All IEM Conference in which Randy Gaschler spoke for 2 days on these 4 schools working together as one. After looking at a model for the restructuring, the outcome was that they would use experts in specific fields to become directors of their specific departments that would collaborate together. What that would lend itself to is common practices, compliant practices, and best practices. Eric announced the different departments that came out of the restructuring. He went on to say that it was implemented at the start of the year, though not well communicated, and then midyear had some challenges along the way. The restructuring plan hasn't really had an opportunity to get off the ground. IEM has been listening and responding to the things brought up at these meetings and through emails. They feel that local control/demographics is being addressed. Each school has its own Curriculum, Assessment, Guidance departments, and Teacher Services Director. He announced the new open positions as listed on Ed Join. Janine Campos asked if Shana Fisk was in a place of influence over SS. Eric clarified that she was not. Patrick Salo requested an org chart for IEM and SS. Steven Ward offered to deliver them at the next meeting. Janine Campos requested for an opportunity to discuss parent choice putting our charter at risk. Arlie stated that that's the role of IEM and offered to talk about that another time. The Council made a request for the new Chief Academic Officer (CAO) to attend/ introduce and present their vision statement at our next meeting. Steven Ward invited the board to suggest questions the Selection Committee could use for the recruitment process. He then asked the board to recommend one or two members to be a part of the Selection Committee. Cyndi offered to collect the information and forward it to Steven.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA

The majority of the Parent Council agreed to meet the third Thursday of every month beginning August 21, 2014. They also requested that the current members meet August 7, 2014 before the newly elected members begin their service on August 21, 2014. The Parent Council requested the following items to be placed on the August 7, 2014 Agenda:

- Bylaws Committee Report
- CAO meet and greet
- Org charts for IEM and SS
- IEM report

14. ADJOURN

Cyndi Rachel adjourned the meeting at 11:29 pm.