

Minutes

SSCS Charter School Parent Council Meeting

Monday
6 PM
8/30/2010

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

1. CALL TO ORDER. Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL Corporate Officers present: Janet Marsh, CFO, Becky Cote, CEO, Lisa Voss, Corporate Secretary, John Wilberger, District Liaison, Eric Schoffstall, Education Coordinator for IEM, Brenda Christensen, Parent Council Secretary. Twenty-two School Council members were present: Brandon Bare, Mamie Bronson, Katherine Burns, Sharon Clark, Sonja Deming, Holly Guldager, Alison, Harris, Lisa Huckins, Stephany Huckins, Christa Hylen, Ninoshka Kniznik, Mary Lambeth, Shannon Lauderdale, Dareth Luna, Tanya Moore, Tanja Orchard, Ana Ordonez, Mindy Pena, Marianne Smits, Tawnee Vega, Mara Weston, and Amanda Whiseant.

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. Holly Guldager asked about cancellation policy for GEAs. Lisa Voss asked that parents contact her at least 48 hours prior. Dareth Luna asked if there was a curriculum data base for parents to view returned curriculum. Janet Marsh informed everyone about a new program just introduced last week. At this time, the data base is limited to teacher's accounts, yet we would be willing to look into that in the future to see if that was something that could be transported into something parents can view. Parents may ask their ES to do a search for titles.

5. Action Items

A. Confirm newly appointed Board members—Brandon Bare motioned to confirm the following newly appointed members: Sarah Bailey, Mamie Bronson, Katherine Burns, Lisa Huckins, Tanja Orchard, Mindy Pena, Tawnee Vega, Mara Weston, and Amanda Whiseant. Holly Guldager seconded the motion. Roll call taken; Brandon Bare, Sharon Clark, Sonja Deming, Holly Guldager, Alison Harris, Stephany Huckins, Christa Hylen, Ninoshka Kniznik, Mary Lambeth, Shannon Lauderdale, Dareth Luna, Tanya Moore, Ana Ordonez, and Marianne Smits voted in favor of confirming the newly appointed members.

B. Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes** —Minutes for March 22, 2010 and April 19, 2010 will be tabled with into next meeting for approval.

C. Adoption of Independent Study Policy —Janet explained that the policy is pretty much the same as the last one and then went on to say that when our charter was renewed, the policy needed to be updated to match charter language changes. Alison Harris motioned to adopt the Independent Study Policy. Shannon Lauderdale seconded the motion. Roll call was taken; 22 votes were unanimously in favor of adopting the Independent Study Policy.

6. Discussion Items

- A. **Welcome New Board Members** --Lisa Voss welcomed all new board members.
- B. **Duties of Board Members**—Lisa Voss read through *The Role of the School Council Member*, and explained the different committees. Becky Cote stated that WASC will not be an active committee this year.
- C. **Discuss committees**—Lisa Voss asked council members what committee they were interested in signing up for. The following members volunteered for park days: Holly Guldager, Mary Lambeth, Shannon Lauderdale, and Mara Weston. The following members volunteered to be on the GEA committee: Alison Harris, Stephany Huckins, Marianne Smits, and Tawnee Vega. The following members volunteered to help at STAR testing: Tanja Orchard, Mindy Pena, and Marianne Smits. The following member volunteered to be on the graduation committee: Ninoshka Kniznik.
- D. **Budget**—Eric Schoffstall introduced himself and then directed the council’s attention to page one. He explained that the budget is ever changing, and we will not know actual numbers until done with audit.
- E. **IEM Report**- John Wilberger introduced himself informed the council that we have already approved 35 new vendors since school began two weeks ago. John also mentioned that our sponsoring district was very pleased with our enrollment numbers at the last board meeting, and then asked if anyone had any questions. Tanja Orchard said she tried to get her violin teacher on as a vendor, but the instructor didn’t have a business license. John asked if she refused to get a license and explained that we do require a business license if instructor teaches in home or public location. Eric Schoffstall informed the council that we are developing an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and have hired company for phase 1. During phase 2 we will contact families to get feedback. We will also pursue an alumni survey to identify the types of things that worked in our school to work together with the ILP. Also, a very lofty goal will be to collect enough data to measure and define school success. Alison Harris asked what grades the ILP will help. Eric said all grades ongoing.
- F. **Enrollment Report**--Janet Marsh gave the following enrollment numbers: As of this afternoon, there were 1835 students active.
- G. **WASC**---Becky Cote announced that we received a 6 year accreditation late spring of 2010 that will take us through 2015 with a 3 year mid review. Each year, the school wide action will address interventions that will help all kids to pass CAHSEE and how can we best provide the needs of all our students. With 6 years being the highest, we received the highest accreditation possible. Will be receiving our API scores in a couple weeks.

- 7. **ADJOURN** –Holly Guldager motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tanya Moore seconded the motion. Roll call was taken; votes were unanimously in favor of adjourning.