

****DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, CERTAIN AGENDA ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED OUT OF ORDER ****

SSCS Parent Council Meeting Minutes September 11, 2019

1 CALL TO ORDER

President, Jolie Hauck, called the meeting to order at 12.01pm

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME/ROLL CALL

Corporate Officers present: Jodi Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Cyndi Rachel, Director of Communications and Development, Burke Wallace, Executive Director of Academics, Melissa Gonzalez, Director of Assessment Department, Brandy Anderson, Director of Curriculum and Guidance, Jolie Hauck, School Council President, and Brenda Christensen, School Council Secretary.

Parent Council members were present via teleconference: Brittany Allred, Pearl Cross, Melody Elliott, Elise Fong, Jessica Fry, Krista Grishaber, Lori Hammon, Alison Harris, Halima LePlante, Mariah Lichtenstern-Walebowa, David May, Elizabeth Oller, Rebecca Rodriguez, Katherine Scott, Amy Smith, and Carolyn Worl.

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 that time.

5 IEM REPORTS

- Melissa Gonzalez provided the iReady, CAASPP, and dashboard update. Halima asked how parents can help students improve scores. Melissa stated scores are not based on performance only; they're also based on progress.
- Burke Wallace provided a background and overview to the parent portal including attendance for daily engagement/learning. Direct shipping can go from vendor to parent to get curriculum into hands as quickly as possible. Mariah asked if iReady will be accessible in the parent portal. Burke stated it will be soon. Until then, ESs will share GoogleDoc with iReady, assessments, and eventually CAASPP results. Melissa would like iReady access without asking ES
- Burke Wallace provided an update regarding charters in the news. Over the summer, there was investigative reporting into multiple non-site based individualized charter organizations having questionable educational and/or business practices. . As a result, there is more attention to schools like ours. We don't have any concerns about our schools. We've had families leave our school to go with other charters offering incentives that SS or any other IEM schools don't offer due to concerning practices and uses of public public tax dollars and public funds. We were able to increase Instructional Funding specifically for k-8 students. However we need to demonstrate a minimum of \$500 being allocated towards core academics. Elise Fong commented on the challenges of spending \$500 on core academics and asked if materials checked out from the resource library would count toward the \$500. Burke suggested tutoring as a way to use funding, reaching out to ES for suggestions, and offered to look into her question. Halima inquired about subjects included in core academics. Burke stated that core academics included math, english, science and history.
- Brandy Anderson presented the South Sutter Facility Project slideshow including historical timeline, location, building plans, uses for Learning Resource Center, and projected timeline for completion of August, 2020.

Due to the length of the meeting, Jolie moved the Action Items up.

6 ACTION ITEMS

- A) Approval of the March 22, 2018 Minutes
Elisa moved to approve the March 22, 2018 minutes.
Rebecca seconded the motion.
Roll call was taken; approval for the March 22, 2018 minutes passed unanimously.
- B) Approval of Governing Board members Brittany Allred, Pearl Cross, Melody Elliott, David May and Amy Smith for 2019-2020.
Rebecca moved to approve 2019-2020 Governing Board members.
Elise seconded the motion.
Roll call was taken; approval of 2019-2020 Governing Board members passed unanimously.

7 DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Burke Wallace discussed increased accountability on all schools in terms of data and also specifically charters. Recently two local charters closed due to lack of academic performance. AB1505 to be voted on soon will likely have the biggest impact on charters regarding opening, operating, and renewal. We'll need to show that students are not only learning but also making progress. Burke asked the Parent Council to make suggestions on communicating the importance of academics to parents and ensuring students are demonstrating progress. Parents suggested the following: Creating a better sense of community, open up iReady teacher tools to parents, making resources more available to help students progress, identifying discrepancies between iReady and CAASPP, and clubs focused on test taking strategies.
- Cyndi Rachel discussed the process of adding new vendors using the form on our website, and the differences in approving material and service vendors. She offered to look into digital downloads on Amazon. Regarding outdated vendor info on our website, new agreements will go out, contact info should be updated with new agreements. Parents may contact their ESs if they find outdated info as well. ESs will pass on the info to Vendor Relations.
- Jolie Hauck discussed Family Days held 2 times a year. This fall there will be an Art Showcase. For our spring Family Day, we'll be doing an IEM Family Conference with keynote speaker Susan Wise Bauer, vendor showcases, hands on activities with kids, science shows, food trucks, breakout sessions, mobile science lab, etc. Jolie opened the opportunity for the Parent Council to step up and help with the event. Brenda would gather names from the chat box.
- Cyndi Rachel discussed social media platforms including official school pages where announcements are posted, and groups where parents have a sense of community as they come together in sharing ideas. Parents were not concerned about the amount of announcements going out on school Facebook pages. Common questions and concerns have been noted in all 3 parent-led groups. We'll be launching a new IEM Parent Group with more features to send announcements to all 3 schools, or group by individual schools, geographical areas, high school, etc. as well as a forum where parents can post a question that can be quickly answered by staff rather than multiple inconsistent answers.
- Cyndi Rachel discussed optional student planners and asked for feedback regarding types of planners that would benefit families most. Comments included use during breaks, where to get a planner, options available to use 1 planner for smaller families or make flexible for families who want to use one for each student, and digital downloads vs. printed options.

8 FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- SAP activities for parents while kids are in class, and parent feedback to classes offered- Cyndi explained courses are dependent upon instructors available in certain areas, suggested reaching out to the SAP coordinator, and core classes offered at SAP count towards \$500.
- Fundraising based on percentage of low income families for activities that exceed budget. Cyndi offered to look into combining fundraising with instructional funds. Families are welcome to head up fundraising to cover specific events.

9 ADJOURN

Jolie adjourned the meeting at 1:48pm.