

Agenda

South Sutter School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday
6 PM
1/12/2009

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm, 2452 El Centro Blvd., East Nicolaus.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

The School Council members present were Heather Anderson, Laurie Becker, Rachel Bijold, Barbara Brock, Susan Brown, Benita Corona, Esther Dahm, Eryn Erickson, Susan Hammond, Suzanne Hogan, Mary Lambeth, Holly Lettington, Nola Linn, Venisa McAllister, Glenda McBride, Julie Patti, Patricia Robertson, Renee Starkweather, and Jennifer Strand.

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. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Mary Lambeth motioned to approve the previous meetings minutes. Barbara Brock seconded the motion. Roll call was taken; votes were unanimous in favor of approving the previous meeting's minutes.

B. Approval of Agenda

Susan Brown motioned to approve the agenda. Eryn Erickson seconds the motion. Roll call was taken; votes were unanimous in favor of approving agenda.

C. Special Education CAHSEE Waiver

Becky Cote states the following motion: **South Sutter Charter School Board considers and approves the use of a modification for the CAHSEE requirement for the part or parts of the exam that were modified, and recommends the waiver be approved for student #48336.** Susan Brown motions to approve the waiver. Rachel Bijold seconds the motion. Roll call was taken; votes were unanimous in favor of approving the waiver.

6. Discussion Items

A. Welcome New Board Members

Lisa Voss welcomes new members.

B. Discuss Committee Progress

Lisa Voss discusses the importance of parent participation on committees. Graduation will be May 16th, 2009. The 8th grade ceremony will be at 3:00 pm and the 12th grade ceremony will be at 4:00 pm. The location is in the process of being approved. Approximately \$100 dollars has been raised through Escrip. Lisa Voss will be sending the cap and gown information out on our listserv this next coming week. So far, only Linda Vinsonhaler has replied to Lisa Voss regarding the yearbook. Linda Vinsonhaler is concerned with communication and would like to send out a message on the parent listserv. Lisa Voss offers to do that for her. Susan Brown brings up the concern of parent interest and cost for a yearbook. Linda Vinsonhaler would like feedback from parents and students to see in the yearbook. Becky Cote asks the WASC committee to be on the Focus Group and explains the first 3 months (January, February, March) will be home groups. Our directors are compiling data based on our school. The Focus Groups will review, discuss, and answer questions asked by our directors. The Focus Groups are made up of parents, teachers, and students. They will take compiled info and come to a conclusion and recommendations. Our goal is a 6 year accreditation. Glenda McBride offers to be a part of the Focus Group. Venisa McAllister asks what the commitment is. Becky Cote says it's a one hour commitment per month for 3 months. Eryn Erickson, Julie Patti and son Andrew Patti, Susan Hammond offers to be on the Focus Group. Lisa Voss asks if anyone else knows a high school student interested, they can email her with their names. Lisa Voss says she is still collecting Boxtops. Please continue to give them to your ES. Patricia Robertson asks if we could motivate students with a prize to the highest collector. Susan Brown says she is concerned with using the fundraising budget towards a prize when the budget is so small. A suggestion is made to find a business that will donate a prize. Becky Cote approves if a parent wants to take that on.

C. Enrollment Report

Janet Marsh gave enrollment number of 1180 active students, 38 prospective. Julie Patti asks how the state budget will affect our school. Janet says we won't know until the state legislature approves any changes.

D. WASC Update

Becky Cote states that our charter received a renewal for 5 more years. We are really trying to encourage students to do better on testing. Every school is under scrutiny. In order for us to be in good standing, we need to make sure we do the very best that we can. We have upped the incentives to encourage students to do better. A school council member asks how IEPs affect scores. Becky says it counts against our score if they use a modification. Accommodations do not affect scores. Becky says our school will take into consideration their capabilities for the incentive reward. Glenda McBride would like to know if we have practice sessions to get them use to the test setting. Becky Cote says the younger ones are in a smaller test setting. Students may take as long as they need by using the

make-up days. Esther Dahm asks if 2nd grader's tests are read to them. Becky Cote says the tests are geared to grade level standards. A school council member asks if iPods can be brought to testing. Becky Cote said that we discourage electronics. Lisa Voss offers to come out to home school groups to talk to them about SSCS.

7. ADJOURN

Susan Brown motions to adjourn. Glenda McBride seconds. All were unanimously in favor of adjourning; none were opposed.

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