

SSC General Meeting

October 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 by Kimberly Diggs.

Members in attendance: Kimberly Diggs, Eventa Brown, Ray Adair, Harlyn Cooper, Kathy Davis, Jeanniffer Prieto. Ana Shapiro, Nikki Kimball, Chris Walker, Frank Alardi, Martha Corrales, Michelle Bryant, Emily Roberts and Nicolas Espinal

Members absent: Yasmin Bozin, Rand Lorah, and Cindy Gruenbaum

Visitors: Mel Collins

Minutes:

The June 10 minutes were reviewed. Martha Corrales noted that she was present at the June 10 meeting. Chris Walker moved and Nikki Kimball seconded a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. The motion was unanimously approved.

Action Items:

Set meeting dates and times

The SSC meeting times were discussed. The 3:30 start time is clearly better for student participation. Meetings in the evening are better for parents. The discussion focused on how to meet these conflicting needs. Martha Corrales mentioned that the Parent Center group would have active participation with ad SSC panel. The consensus scheduling some meetings at 4:30 would be a reasonable accommodation for working parents. Harlyn Cooper moved that the 2009-2010 SSC would alternate meeting times, half would be at 3:30 and half at 4:30. Eventa Brown seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Event Brown moved that the regular meeting day will be the last Wednesday of the month that school is in session. Harlyn Cooper seconded. There was brief clarifying discussion. Meeting dates will be posted on the Staff calendar of Lincoln's web site. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting dates this year will be November 18, 4:30, December 16, 3:30, January 27, 4:30, February 24, 3:30, March 24, 4:30, April 28, 3:30, May 26, 4:30 and June 16, 3:30.

Review data

Ana Shapiro led a review of last year's API and AYP performance data. The detailed data was given to SSC members and will be on file in the parent center. All SSC members reviewed data individually organized by a Data Reflection Worksheet. We had a protracted about areas of strength and areas of concerns. This analysis will be the foundation for developing our next SPSA and monitoring our current one.

Positive growth noted included a great start, Chemistry and Algebra both had more than 10% movement from FBB to BB and BB to B, CST Biology proficiency increased 8 to 10%, Algebra growth was significant and the was general movement from FBB to BB. The concerns noted included science scores, poor performance by students repeating Geometry, ELA class of 2012 performance, Algebra 1 and 2 proficiency rates, ELL in ELA, the graduation rate, Special Ed and how to continue last year's momentum. Some major ideas included extended day, class sets of textbooks, calibrating teacher grades and CST scores, data driven decision-making that is standards-based.

Spending for technology

Ray Adair requested \$10,200 for 100 MacBook batteries. Jeanniffer Prieto moved that we purchase the requested batteries and Frank Alardi seconded. The discussion was very positive. The motion passed unanimously. There was a point of clarification that the technology budget was approved and that future battery purchases did not need to be voted on.

Review bylaws

Elections – Martha Corrales nominated Eventa Brown for Vice Chairperson, along with Nicolas Espinal and Harlyn Cooper. Frank Alardi seconded. Even though he is in the role of alternate and needs to be a voting member, he would only serve as chair in the absence of Kimberly Diggs, a parent. Harlyn Cooper was elected to the role.

Kimberly Diggs noted that the elections should have covered a two-year term but that the bylaws were not updated correctly. Chris Walker stated that proper procedures required a written change to be voted on at the next meeting. Kimberly Diggs will fill the role of Chair Person and Ray Adair will continue in the role of Secretary until the next meeting.

Article VI was discussed regarding written public notice. It was clarified that public notice includes posting a physical copy at each center, posting on the web site, emailing to the parent center email list, and maintaining full documentation in the parent center and in the central office.

SPSA budget

Tabled the budget to discuss next month.

New Business:

Title I parent meeting, October 27, 2009

This meeting will be at 6:00 pm in the Parent Center, room 601. This meeting will cover Title I issues as detailed in the SSC packet distributed to all SSC members. Everyone was asked to review the Parental involvement policy and send suggestions to Martha Corrales for inclusion in the new meeting.

Resource 70900 (2nd Language) and 70910 (Limited English) - In order to align our school's budget our budget analyst, in consultation with the principal, must complete a line item balance. Following our School Site Plan, the SSC votes to approve any necessary adjustment in order to balance the resource.

Roundtable:

Eventa Brown asked if there is an audit procedure in place for the SSC budget. Martha Corrales suggested that we generate a report to show SSC members where money was spent. Cindy Gruenbaum should be able to bring a Financial Report to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.
Minutes respectively submitted by Ray Adair.