

School Site Council Meeting

Minutes

School: Hillcrest K-8 School

Date February 26, 2009

Members present: Joseph shogren, John Barrett, Darcy Brown-Martin, Ken Newberger,
Mark Donahye, Beverly Rothenberg, Larry Vollintine

Quorum established (6 members): Yes No

Minutes must address each agenda item. Summarize discussions and note approval.

see attached supplemental minutes

(Please add additional pages as needed)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM

Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2009

Minutes Submitted By: Larry Vollintine

SSC MINUTES – SUPPLEMENT

The following are supplemental Minutes of the February 26, 2009 meeting of the School Site Council of Hillcrest Elementary School.

4a. Approval of Minutes. Revised draft Minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Darcy and second by John, the revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

4b. Family Engagement for Student Learning. Beverly passed out copies of a chart entitled “OUSD Family Engagement for Student Learning Rubric” (copy attached) for review by the SSC. This chart depicts several potential stages that a school and parents can progress through to evaluate how engaged parents are in their children’s learning at school. Beverly feels that Hillcrest is at the “Sustaining Stage” but seeks responses from SSC members. SSC members will review the chart and respond within the next week.

4c. Budget Item Transfer. In past years, Hillcrest has been funded for a ½ time school psychologist for on-site services. The last school psychologist, Valerie Lopes, has been promoted to an administrative position with OUSD and the replacement psychologist, Ilene Liu, has been getting up to speed during the 2009-10 school year. So, Beverly asked the SSC to approve a budget transfer of \$23,775.50, being the amount of one additional day of school psychologist services from the School Improvement Block Psychologist Fund to “Supplies.” The transferred funds would be used to purchase supplies used in the ordinary course of the school year for next year. Upon motion by John and second by Darcy, the budget transfer was approved.

4d. K Enrollment Application Results. Beverly reported that now that the Open Enrollment window has closed, she has received a total of 58 applications for K enrollment for Fall 2009 where Hillcrest catchment area residency has been confirmed. She indicated that OUSD has agreed to hold her total K enrollment at 40 for Fall 2009. OUSD will be sending out letters to applicants by the end of February. Due to the large classes enrolled at Hillcrest in recent past years, Beverly anticipates needing to set up several large and split grade classes again. OUSD projects attendance for each grade at Hillcrest for next fall as follows:

K = 40
1 = 44
2 = 50
3 = 47
4 = 47
5 = 30
MS = 80+

Beverly will need PTA funding to provide teacher aides for each of the large or split grade classes. The SSC urged the LRPC to re-run their grade level attrition model again to see if their figures are consistent with OUSD’s.

4e. School Climate Committee. The SSC has not set up a separate Positive School Climate Subcommittee, and so the SSC itself acts as the Positive School Climate Committee. Beverly noted that the new school psychologist, Ilene Liu, has been working with small groups of children who may need some guidance on playground etiquette, social interaction and non-verbal communication. In addition, Darcy mentioned that Sam Rudel, a Hillcrest parent involved in the Mindfulness program, has proposed that the Mindfulness people supply a person to be available during recess and lunchtimes on the playground to assist in conflict resolution. Sam would like to come to the next SSC meeting and present her proposal. The SSC agreed to hear her proposal at the next meeting.

4f. First Day of School. Beverly confirmed that the first day of school for the 2009-10 school year will be August 31, which will mean that the summer break this year will be 11 weeks instead of 10 weeks as has been in years past. Beverly was urged to highlight that fact in the next edition of the Hillcrest Yellowpages.

4g. Jody London Visit. Darcy announced that OUSD Board member Jody London plans to attend our March SSC meeting.

4h. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM. The next SSC meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2009 at 7:30 AM.