

SSC MINUTES – SUPPLEMENT

The following are supplemental Minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting of the School Site Council of Hillcrest Elementary School.

4a. Approval of Minutes. The Minutes for the March 13, 2008 SSC meeting were reviewed and approved without further change. Larry was instructed to send copies of final Minutes directly to Carol Neuberger for posting on the school website.

4b. Distinguished School Designation. The SSC noted for the record that Beverly had announced that Hillcrest Elementary was designated a California Distinguished School for 2007-2008. It was noted that the designation is good for two years.

4c. Review of 2007-2010 Single Plan for Student Achievement. A revised draft of the SPSA for 2007-2010 reflecting some initial comments from SSC members, along with a copy of a two-page instructional sheet entitled “Getting Acquainted with the Essential Nine” by Laura Varlas (which is referenced on page 5 in the draft SPSA as the “Marzano’s essential nine strategies”), were distributed by Joan at the meeting. [A copy of the Essential Nine is attached to these minutes.] Darcy offered to give some additional editorial changes for the SPSA to be submitted directly to Beverly. The SSC discussed several additional questions and clarifications that Darcy will include in her editorial suggestions. Molly noted that the Parent Compact attached as Appendix B to the end of the SPSA is a new feature and Joan indicated that it would be included in the welcome packets for all parents for the 2008-9 academic year. The Parent Compact is a “contract” to be implemented by the School, the parents and the students. Since the funding amounts noted in this SPSA total so small a sum (compared to the last four years) and reflect only selected discretionary funds from the State, some in the SSC desired to see additional data such as a general overall budget or past expenditure chart showing all sources of funds (OUSD, State, PTA, etc.) and the general uses of these funds at Hillcrest to give some sense of the magnitude of what it costs to run Hillcrest and where the money is going. Subject to Darcy giving her editorial comments and clarifications to Beverly, the SSC unanimously approved the revised draft SPSA.

4d. LRPC Update Report. Charles and Darcy reported on the latest topics and actions on which the LRPC has been focusing. The first item is when and how the LRPC membership should be re-constituted for next year. There have been numerous suggestions made to revamping the caucus representation for each of the class groupings with two competing proposals put to a vote of the LRPC: (i) keep the proportional representation on the LRPC the same as currently exists, or (ii) increase the number of pre-K representatives. The LRPC is currently conducting a vote by e-mail and the tally so far is evenly split. Not all LRPC members have voted yet and so their votes will be pursued. In any event, there will need to be a set of caucus meetings for filling the class group representative positions for next year, such meetings tentatively scheduled for May 20. The second item is that LRPC members have been attending and will attend the regional informational meetings being conducted by the OUSD Special Committee on School Admissions, attendance, Boundaries (aka “SAAB”) at several locations in Oakland. Darcy will attend the one to be held the evening of April 17 at Bret Harte. Another one is scheduled for April 21 at Montera MS. This is mostly an information gathering exercise as the LRPC is

looking to OUSD to make any proposals for new policies or for resolving inconsistent existing policies. After discussion, there was no action taken on these items.

4e. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 AM. The next meeting for the SSC is scheduled for May 8, 2008 at 7:30 AM.

End of Supplemental Minutes