

SSC MINUTES – SUPPLEMENT

The following are supplemental Minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting of the School Site Council of Hillcrest Elementary School.

4a. Approval of Minutes. The Minutes for the April 17, 2008, SSC meeting were reviewed and approved without further change. Larry was instructed to send a copy of the final Minutes directly to Carol Neuberger for posting on the school website.

4b. Review of Revisions to 2007-2010 Single Plan for Student Achievement. Beverly distributed a revised copy of the SPSA for 2007-2010. Revisions came from the District in the form of the addition of several charts and tables reflecting progress and challenges at Hillcrest measured over the last few years. With these revisions and supplemental information, the SSC unanimously approved the revised SPSA.

4c. LRPC Update Report. Charles and Darcy reported on the latest topics and actions on which the LRPC has been focusing. The LRPC membership will be re-constituted by means of several caucuses to be held on May 20. The structure of the representations for each of the class groups will remain the same as last year, except that there will be no “alternate” representatives. There will be a “transition” meeting of all existing and future LRPC members on May 27.

Charles and Darcy distributed a copy of the latest written communication from the LRPC (copy attached) which set forth, among other things, the goals for the LRPC for the next academic year. In summary, they are: (i) monitor and contribute to the OUSD Board, special committee, and staff efforts with respect to enrollment issues in the current Hillcrest area; (ii) communicate developments to caucus members; (iii) work with other LRPC's, PTA's and parents at neighboring schools to address enrollment issues; (iv) continue to press for an enrollment policy at Hillcrest to maintain K-8 school with a cap of 310 students. Charles and Darcy indicated that the LRPC had not decided if it would actually take a position on any of the particular enrollment policy alternatives being considered by the OUSD SAAB committee and Board. The LRPC is concerned about improving Hillcrest's image in the public area and reducing any perceived friction between Hillcrest and neighboring schools.

The enrollment admission data for this last spring was summarized. It was noted that several Hillcrest area K-students were re-directed to Thornhill, Montclair and Chabot due to having more applications than the available 40 K seats.

Some in the LRPC felt that a new “student retention” survey ought to be done each year. Some also raised the possibility that a new pre-K survey should be done, though some have questioned the accuracy and completeness of the original survey. Mention was also made of the fact that Kerry Hamill is running for City Council and therefore will not continue as OUSD Board member from District 1. Also, in light of the state budget challenges and the expected sequential shifting of management and control responsibilities for OUSD matters from the state administrator to the Board, they postulated there may also be some OUSD staffing changes occurring before summer's end. Therefore, they deduce that there is some informal uncertainty as to exactly what will happen with respect to over-enrollment issues that are being studied by the SAAB committee and staff. After discussion, there was no action taken on these items.

4d. SSC Representative to the LRPC. In light of the re-constitution of the LRPC as described above, and that Charles has now completed his 2-year service on the SSC, the SSC needs to select a new representative to join the LRPC. Darcy was unanimously approved to be the SSC representative to the LRPC for the 2008-9 academic year.

4e. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 AM. There are no additional SSC meetings scheduled for this academic year.

End of Supplemental Minutes