

San Jose Charter Academy
School Site Council Minutes #2

Members:

Andres Castaneda, Lizette Amaro, Rachelle Touzard, Maritza Islas, Christina Sandoval,
 Dr. Denise Patton, Donna Hale, Krissie Tombrello, Monica Velarde, Ivonne Boomer

December 16th, 2015

Welcome & Introductions	Mrs. Hale welcomed everyone. Sign-In Sheet was circulated for signatures. All members not in attendance were Krissie Tombrello, Christina Sandoval, Martiza Islas, and Andres Castaneda.
October 28th, 2015 Minutes Review & Approval	Approved minutes from October 28th, 2015 meeting with one correction under the Charter Renewal section – change ‘she’ to “Dr. Patton”. Motion was made to approve the minutes as is by Ms. Velarde, Seconded by Mrs. Boomer. Aye: 6; Noes 0 Minutes Passed with the change.
By Laws Review & Approval	By Laws were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the By Laws as is by Ms. Touzard, Seconded by Ms. Amaro. Aye: 6; Noes 0 By Laws Passed.
Budget Review	<p>Dr. Patton reviewed the budget. Dr. Patton discussed overall budget of over 12 million dollars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSC reviews and approves Title 1 budget.; • Supl. Grant amount is not the full amount – only showing what we have to spend so far.; • EPA is one-time funds that we will not be getting again. Used for technology, etc. • Title 1 funding – in past district had discretion as to which schools need it the most. Once we became our own district we started receiving our full funding. We spend more in our Title 1 funding covers. We use some of the LCFF to cover. Majority of funding goes to salaries/benefits for our SFA tutors. Rest is for stipends for other certificated personnel for programs they are in charge of. <p>Ms. Amaro asked what the criteria to qualify for Title 1 Schoolwide. Dr. Patton explained it is dependent upon Free & Reduced count.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title 11 Professional Development – majority goes to conference attendance. <p>Motion was made to approve the Title I & II budgets by Ms. Velarde, Seconded by Mrs. Boomer. Aye: 6; Noes 0 Title I & II budgets passed.</p> <p>Dr. Patton also discussed Cafeteria program and expenses; Mental Health funding for our Sp. Ed psych’s salaries. Dr. Patton explained the SELPA we are included in as well. We have approx.10% special education population here at SJCA. Dr. Patton also discussed the funding costs to handle any of our students who are in need of specialized placement. She explained that we as our own district are responsible for those students and have to pay for those programs for our students</p>

	in need. Cost varies but is quite expensive (\$35,000 – \$65,000 a year per student).
Parent Involvement Policy	Mrs. Hale reviewed the parent involvement policy. Asked all members to review and come back with any corrections or changes for our next meeting. We will be looking to approve the policy at our next meeting.
Parent Involvement Activities	Mrs. Hale reviewed the parent involvement activities planned for the 15'-16' school year. Ms. Amaro inquired about the CA Standards Parent Meeting and if it goes over the standards for each grade level. Dr. Patton explained that that will be part of the meetings agenda.
Student Achievement: Single School Plan/LEA	Mrs. Hale explained that now that the state and federal government approved ESSA recently it now requires schools/LEA's to update and align the Single School Plan with the LCAP. Mrs. Hale explained that our January meeting will be focused on reviewing the plans and seeking SSC input.
School Comm. Input for New SJCA Principal	Dr. Patton discussed the transition for the next year's new principal. Dr. Patton will still be acting as Executive Director and working one day a week. She will be the liaison between the principal and the board. Principal position is open to any SJCA staff member. Interviews will be held in Jan-Feb. Dr. Patton discussed the need for parental input into the new principal position as part of our upcoming LCAP survey to allow all parents the chance to share. Both Ms. Amaro and Ms. Touzard really liked the idea of the survey stating, "It gives the parents time to think about what they wanted to say, give honest feedback and a way to be thoughtful before responding." Ms. Touzard expressed that the culture is very important and drawing from inside the school setting will calm the nerves of the community.
	Next Meeting is January 20 th , 2016.

Topics for Next Meeting:

- **Parent Involvement Policy Review & Approval**
- **Single School Plan/LEA**
- **Chronic Absenteeism Program (Feb. Mtg.)**