

San Jose Charter Academy
School Site Council Minutes #3

Members:

Andres Castaneda, Jaron Singley, Magda Parra, Christina Sandoval, Maritza Islas,
 Dr. Denise Patton, Donna Hale, Krissie Tombrello, Ivonne Boomer, Monica Velarde

January 28th, 2015

Welcome	Mrs. Hale welcomed everyone. Not in attendance today: Andres Castaneda
Minutes Approval	Approved minutes from December, 2014 meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes as is by Mrs. Boomer, Seconded by Mrs. Velarde. Aye: 9; Noes 0 Abstained: 0 Minutes Approved.
Proposed New Meeting Schedule	Proposed to move our future meetings to Monday's instead of currently being on Wednesday's as we have scheduled. Ms. Jackson is not able to do Monday's due to CCD; She is also unable to attend on Tuesdays either. Ms. Velarde is not available on Tuesday's either. All other members felt that Monday's are doable. May change the March date to the 16 th to accommodate the Ms. Jackson's attendance.
Technology Update	<p>Dr. Patton updated how we are doing on moving our approved technology purchases discussed at last minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPad Air 2 are installed in the elem. lab. • Port for charging is also here. • Bandwidth has been increased exponentially. • Access points have been placed throughout the school and tripled our previous availability/accessibility. • Apple 2 server installed. <p>Within the next few weeks we will be purchasing the classroom iPad's. Looking forward to having all JA students with laptops for next year.</p> <p>Mrs. Islas inquired about donations and which is best to submit too – school or class? Dr. Patton explained different scenarios and said it is a personal preference. Ms. Jackson also suggested to look into funding Donor's Choose for suggested donations.</p>
Parent Involvement Activities	
Safety Plan – Signatures on corrected form.	Mrs. Hale
LCAP – Future Budget Items	<p>Dr. Patton discussed the upcoming budget that needs to be presented to the school board. Sept. – Beginning Budget; Dec. - P1 Budget Projected. March – P2 – adjusted includes Average Daily Attendance, etc. Once those numbers come in we start working on next year's budget to get ready for the "May Revise". Next year's budget needs to be approved by school board in June for next year.</p> <p>Seeking ideas from members for future funds – Mrs. Hale expressed that the EL</p>

	<p>parents at our ELAC meeting wanted to get access to Lexia for themselves because they felt they would benefit with learning English using that too. Dr. Patton also mentioned that technology and new Common Core Curriculum is already on the proposed list of suggested budget items. Expressed that our 4th and 5th grade teachers would like Smartboard Whiteboards; it was also suggested iPads be purchased for 2:1 for TK-2. Mrs. Jackson mentioned a writing program but was not able to find one that was felt to be a benefit. Mrs. Boomer mentioned that “Step Up” has stated that their curriculum is adequate for Common Core. Dr. Patton mentioned the “Read To Write” program from Catapult that we are having some of the teacher’s preview. Still in preliminary stages right now and just looking at it for possible future use.</p>
Rosetta Stone for EL Parents Update	<p>32 out of 60 of our parents have signed up to utilize the program. The remaining parents who declined either stated they spoke English just fine or that they already had the program.</p> <p>Mrs. Hale has been tracking parent participation and is very encouraged by the usage of several of our parents. She will continue to monitor and send reminders and kudos to the parents about their usage.</p> <p>Mrs. Hale was also excited that we were able to provide the licenses for an extended amount of time for our parents to use the program. They have from Jan. 2015 – May, 2016.</p>
	Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

- **Parent Survey**
- **Review ideas from last year’s Common Core parent input meetings.**