

San Jose Charter Academy
School Site Council Minutes #4

Members:

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

February 23rd, 2015

Welcome	Dr. Patton welcomed everyone. Not in attendance today: Andres Castaneda, Kristina Tombrello, Christina Sandoval, Jaron Singley
Minutes Approval	Approved minutes from January, 2015 meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes as is by Mrs. Velarde, Seconded by Dr. Patton. Aye: 6; Noes 0 Abstained: 0 Minutes Approved.
Board Meeting Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosetta Stone update given by Mrs. Hale • TK approval for next year day to become an 8:45 – 3:15 hour day • Educational Policy presentation was given by Mrs. Shiroma • P.O./Warrants – list of expenditures • Mrs. Cooper job title was changed from Business Service Manager to Chief Financial Officer
Parent Survey	<p>Dr. Patton discussed that we are in the preliminary stages of creating a yearly parent survey to be given to our parents. We utilize Survey Monkey, an on-line survey system to complete the current survey.</p> <p>We are looking for the school council for any ideas or items they felt would be good to include. Mrs. Hale suggested blending the information needed for the LCAP with the parent satisfaction portion. Please email Mrs. Hale and Dr. Patton with your suggestions. We are looking at sending them out mid to late April. Mrs. Parra mentioned school facilities, cleanliness, maintenance be included. Dr. Patton discussed the implementation of additional personnel for the front office and whether there were improvements with front office demeanor. Mrs. Islas said that she has had no issues with the front office personnel and felt that while they are very busy they have been very friendly and helpful. Dr. Patton let the team know that we had the desk moved lower to allow for more visibility from the front office staff. Mrs. Islas also mentioned that she really appreciated the fences/gates were installed and raised to help with the safety of our students.</p>
Catapult Conference Update	Dr. Patton and Ms. Shiroma attended a leadership conference presented by the company that purchased Edison Learning/Alliance Services whom we contracted services with such as Benchmarks, etc. They were very impressed with the information that was received and plan on doing further professional development with our leadership team and staff. Sessions included “Bell to Bell instruction”, “trust”, “stretching students”. They also honored our school with a plaque for our 17 years of service with the company. They were so impressed with our accomplishments that several of their key officers will be coming out to visit.
New WCUSD Superintendent Visit	Dr. Charles Hinman, the new Superintendent of West Covina Unified came for an hour visit but was not here for as long as he wanted to. He will be coming back out at a later date. He was extremely impressed with room environment and

	the teaching going on. He knowledgeable on PLC. He was inquiring about how much we partner with the district.
Student Achievement - CAASPP Testing Update	Mrs. Hale discussed the upcoming state tests and discussed the Interim Assessments that will be taking place the month of March in grades 3-8 th grade. She explained that the interim assessment would give the students a better idea of what the test will look like and what they can expect to see. Mrs. Boomer inquired about how we would be ranked. Dr. Patton stated that we are still uncertain as to how this would be rolled out. She felt that we would receive a ranking score and ranked based on the state average/district average.
LCAP	Looking for more ideas for the upcoming funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Dr. Patton has put in an inquiry to get the foam material installed under the playground equipment; we also added 2 more tetherball courts in elementary and more volleyball courts for JA. *We have also wanted to add Lexia parent licenses for our EL parents. *Ms. Velarde said she was very excited with all the technology we are including. *Ms. Boomer was inquiring about getting 2:1 ipad minis for the lower grades. Dr. Patton was not opposed to it but wanted to make sure we are implementing them in the most effective ways. * Ms. Velarde suggested having grade level planning days be at beginning of year and a second at the end of the year to review how it went. * Dr. Patton also mentioned new curriculum for Social Studies and Writing for the upcoming years.
	Next meeting is March 23 rd .
	Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Topics for Next Meeting:

**Review ideas from last year's Common Core/LCAP Parent Input Meetings.
Board Meeting Update**