

Madera South High School

705 W. Pecan Ave. Madera, CA 93637

School Site Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 5, 2016

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Portable 2

All parents and community members are encouraged to participate in our School Site Council meeting.

The School site Council helps to monitor the implementation of our Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA); it helps evaluate the effectiveness of the allocation of State and Federal funding resources; and it provides additional input into the modifications of the SPSA.

Minutes:

1. Attendance:

a) In Attendance: Oracio Rodriguez, Ellen Bitter, Jack Porter, Carina Gonzalez, Sabrina Ibrahim, Jordan Oliveira, Nayely Chavez, Rosa Garcia, Randall Bartley, Scott Weber, Todd McElrath, Sheila Kincade, Darla Isaak.

b) Absent: Manuel Nevarez, Araceli Abendano, Michelle Hernandez, Fran Wheat, Tim Messner.

2. Call to order at 3:35pm; announcement of presence of quorum (12/12 voting positions).

3. Welcome and introductions: Darla Isaak introduced as Ericka Moran's replacement.

4. Reading & Approval of previous Meeting's Minutes: adjusted Kincade spelling and end of meeting time.

Motion Porter, Second Kincade, Pass Unanimous.

5. Adoption of the agenda: Motion Weber, Second Porter, Pass Unanimous.

6. Public Input: 3 minutes per speaker.

a) Notes: McElrath reminds SSC members to expect potential interviews from WASC evaluators.

b) Notes: Bartley reviews MUSD SSC/ELAC handbook - committee bound by Greene Act. Regular meeting agendas posted 72hrs in advance. Emergency meetings 24hrs. Any expenditures not listed on Agenda must pass with a unanimous vote. Today's meeting was only posted 24hrs in advance with no specific expenditure items - any expenditures must have unanimous approval today.

7. Reports:

a) None.

8. Old Business:

a) Updating SSC membership positions:

1. Motion to confirm Darla Isaak as Ericka Moran's replacement made by McElrath, second Porter; discussion: Ericka Moran promoted to VP, Darla next highest vote getter on this year's teacher ballot. Unanimous vote of confirmation.

2. Motion by Rodriguez, second by Gonzalez to make Todd McElrath SSC Vice Chair.

Discussion: current Vice Chair Manuel Nevarez has not been present to a Site Council

meeting since Oct 20, 2015. Principal Rodriguez appreciates teaching staff running meetings. Unanimous vote of approval.

- b) Follow up on Safety Plan / Board approval - Portable Door Locks eta? Principal Rodriguez will discuss with former VP Prince Marshall the progress on this issue.

9. New Business:

- a) Discussion of remaining 2015 budget/expenditure concepts: we have about \$80,000 unspent, we can roll over \$60,000 to next year but must spend \$20,000 or lose it.
 - 1. Mr. Rodriguez indicated that he is planning on using current parent involvement funds to arrange college field trips for families who have never seen a college campus. Council supports concept.
 - 2. Parent Porter and student Oliveira ask if SSC funds can go towards campus security cameras. Student Oliveira reminds Council that students learn better when they feel safer. Principal Rodriguez assures the Council that he has made this a funding priority request with the district and is hopeful to see a response this summer.
 - 3. Concern over student access to computers and printing services. Found that few people are aware of available After School Program support. Decision to use school parent-contact system (ConnectEd) as well as extended 4th period message to students to inform.
 - 4. Question of Media Center availability. Issue of substitute Librarian, limited lunch and after school hours. Proposal to fund 2 positions to keep Media Center computer/printing lab open after school from 3-6pm for the remainder of this school year (security on campus until 6pm). Motion by Gonzalez to allot \$9,000 from this year's SSC budget to fund two positions from 3-6pm, second by Bitter. Discussion: have 2 adults to monitor check in / check out and assist students as needed near the computers/printers. Best to only keep open when security is on campus. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
- b) Discussion of 2016 budget/expenditure concepts:
 - 1. Bartley proposes TurnItIn campus subscription (online student editing / teacher plagiarism monitoring software, commonly used on most college campuses today). Council consensus that this expenditure will help MSHS teachers implement 21st century technology in education, prepare students for professional academic standards. SSC hopes that MSHS can demonstrate the value of the software and inspire MUSD to fund this in the future. Kincade indicates desire for MUSD to have a more clear ethics policy as well as consequences for academic dishonesty. Rodriguez points out that current policy allows a student to receive a 0 on the assignment and a referral for cheating.

2. Rodriguez expects district to pick up Intervention Counselors, would love to redirect funds to hire more Interpreters. 60% of MSHS parents are English Learners. Teachers need more help connecting with parents. Impact could be huge for our campus.
3. Rodriguez would like to hire up to 4 teachers for Study Skills sections for At Risk students.
4. Rodriguez would like to fund Reading Lab(s).

10. Next Meetings: May 10, June 7.

11. Adjournment 5:20pm: Motion Porter, Second Gonzalez, Passes Unanimously.

Initial Minutes: Bartley 4/11/16.