

## School Site Council Meeting

### Minutes

School Claremont Middle School

Date 19 October 2009

Quorum number in Bylaws 8

Quorum Present Yes

Council Members Present:

Roger Alvarado

Margit Birge

Kristofer Brekke

Aileen Chang

Kenya Crockett

Rhonda James

Chandra Kendrix

Ron Kriss

Lacy Lefkowitz

Kathellen Madden

Liz Martin

Meuy Saechow

Jessie Thaler

Celeste Allen (Alt.)

Mike Napolitano (Alt.)

- I. **Introductions:** Meeting called to order @ 6:17 p.m. Introductions made by all present. Guests – Anna Harris and Janet Goode.
  
- II. **Review Ground Rules and Agenda:** Overview of ground rules and agenda. Attendees reminded that agenda and minutes are sent in advance online and minimal numbers of copies are to be made available at meetings.
  
- III. **Review of Minutes:** Question asked as to whether minutes should be changed to reflect that Liz Martin is a member and not an alternate. Response was no because the minutes reflect what was stated at the meeting. Motion moved by Crockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chang that minutes be accepted with any necessary clarifications to be considered as those issues might arise. Motion carried by unanimous vote, 13-0-0 @ 6:32 p.m.

IV. **Approve Si Swun Allocations:** Si Swun overview detailing the program, district's mandated use of program and the potential effectiveness of the program. Chang reflected that math department would prefer to utilize dept. collaboration as well as other strategies which they feel were instrumental in the success of last school year. Overall concerns regarding the district mandating a program, then allocating funding for the program and forcing individual sites to use it or lose access to the funding. Concerns raised included:

- Can proposal/motion from last year now be rejected?
- Consistent implementation of new programs.
- Was combination of incentives and teacher collaboration a more effective resolution and which (incentives/collaboration) was more effective?
- Time limits with assessments.
- Potentiality that if this program is rejected, CMS will then be held financially responsible for any incurred billing rather than district pay for them.
- Data availability depicting realized success (or failure) of program.
- Can only portion used be allocated with this motion.
- Unrealistic to suggest a program's success or failure without adequate time for teachers to be fully trained and acclimated to new program.
- Dismal failure of BAY Ces last year.

Motion moved by Crockett to approve \$17,500 stimulus funds for Si Swun allocation made then rescinded for rewording. Motion moved by Crockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kendrix to approve SPSA addendum previously allocating funds of \$17,500 for Si Swun. Motion failed with vote of 6 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention – return to discussion. Further concerns:

- Feeling that this is another program forced on school sites by district.
- Abstention by member due to not being present during last year's decision.
- Concern as to whether 'no' vote sends message to district or gives us opportunity to utilize funds for programs we actually select.
- Reminder that this proposal is not to allocate the funds as they've already been allocated and loaded rather we're voting to amend

the original proposal from June in order to attach proper documentation.

- Suggestion to approve already encumbered spending, revisit once benchmarks/assessments are done and make motion with conditions.
- Our disagreement is with district, not each other and as this is not something we have much choice about we should take our collective fight to the district.

Motion moved by Crockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Birge to allocate \$17,500 stimulus funds for previously approved Si Swun allocation with stipulation that data will be provided every 6 weeks to assess benchmark achievement. Motion passed by vote of 9 in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention @ 8:12 p.m.

V. **Principle Update on Budget and Proposed Changes to Site Categorical**

**Budget:** CMS' SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement) cleared last year and proposals approved by SSC last year that were rejected due to need for clarification to categorical expenditures. SSC no longer has authority to approve SLIVG funding. 3 proposals with item 3A having been discussed and decided in item IV this agenda. Proposals to accept:

1. \$9,610 EIA – LEP
  - A) \$2,000 Translation Consultant: Person for purpose of translating notices to be sent home into other languages with grammatically correct content.
  - B) \$2,500 Open Court Reading Material (K-5) in Spanish. Change to \$2,500 Instructional materials to be agreed upon by ELA department and administration.
  - C) \$2,500 Leveled Reading Books – Multiple language of materials for language arts instruction' classrooms.

Total of proposal 1 is \$7,000. Motion moved by Thaler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lefkowitz to approve proposal with revision at item B. Motion passed by vote of 12 in favor, 1 abstention @ 8:24 p.m.

2. \$65,097 EIA – SCE.

- A) \$23,000 Instructional Assistant (Intervention)

This previously approved proposal was rejected due to wording of motion/allocation for Intervention /ISS. The instructional assistant will still function in the previous needed capacity but will also assist P.E. instructors at beginning and ending of classes with female students in locker room. Discussion/ concerns:

- Continual coverage of ISS room.
- Sad the need to pay additionally for female assistance in gym classes.
- Male P.E. teachers and cannot request personnel change based on gender need (gender lawsuit).
- Need for ISSO and suggestions to call district and OPD to complain.

Motion moved by Chang and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alvarado to approve \$23,000 for Instructional Assistant. Motion passed with vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention @ 8:42 p.m.

3. \$79,777 Title I Stimulus

A. \$17,500 Si Swun Coaching (already decided item IV above).

B. \$20,000 Summer Intervention (ISS)

C. \$23,000 Instructional Assistant (Text Book)

Motion to approve \$23,000 Stimulus funding for Instructional Assistant (Text Book) moved by Crockett and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Saechao passed by vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention @ 8:49 p.m.

VI. **Update on Bylaws:** Motion to look at revisions for bylaws at next meeting and add statement to Item II/Section D in bylaws that 3 missed meetings constitute termination (see last meetings' minutes) moved by Lacy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lindsey. Motion passed by vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

VII. **Next meeting Date:** Next meeting scheduled for November 16, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. as per last meeting.

VIII. **Appreciations:** Announcements by 1) Kriss that Claremont Boosters are asking parents/teachers/students to write something sharing their experiences at Claremont and email submissions to him @ [ronkriss@jps.net](mailto:ronkriss@jps.net). Appreciations included:

- **Crockett:** Staff for enthusiastic participation at meetings regardless of whether they're in agreement and constant support.
- **James:** Madden for reminding that our fight is with district and not each other.
- **Thaler:** Kendrix as chairperson for 1<sup>st</sup> time.
- **Madden:** Past council members for continual support.

IX. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn – moved by Kriss and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Kendrix to adjourn meeting at 9:14 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor.

**Submitted by Kathellen Madden**